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## Amir to speak to the nation

KUWAIT, May 2. (KUNA): HH the Amir will address the nation at 10 pm tonight on the occasion of the last two days of the holy month of Ramadan. Both the radio and television will broadcast the speech.

## NEWSWATCH



### Survivors

An injured woman and her child are the only survivors left of a seven-member family in Shatulia, a Bangladesh village devastated by last week's tornado. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Narrow escape

LONDON, May 2. (Reuter): A British Airways Boeing 747 responding to a US warship's final warning in the Gulf last year nearly collided with another airliner, a British newspaper reported today.

The Independent, quoting an unconfirmed International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) report, said the plane narrowly escaped being shot at a month before the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air Airbus in July.

The newspaper said the 747 was approaching Dubai on a flight to India when it picked up by chance a US warship's radio challenge almost identical to the final one received by the Iranian plane before it was shot down by surface-to-air missiles, killing all 290 on board.

The warship issuing the warning was not identified.

### Capital flight

DUBAI, May 2. (Reuter): Arab countries, save for the richest Gulf oil producers, suffer from economic policies which encourage citizens to send their money abroad unofficially, a leading regional economist said.

People try to build up foreign currency assets abroad to escape the effects of inflation and unrealistic official exchange and interest rates at home, said Henry Azram, chief economist at Gulf International Bank.

Such capital flight, even when narrowly defined as an increase in private foreign deposits, seriously aggravates the external debt of Arab countries, he said in an article for Arab banker magazine, received today.

### Sailors detained

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 2. (Reuter): Egyptian police arrested two Filipino sailors yesterday on drug charges carrying the death penalty, security sources said.

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# Oil price will rise to \$26, predicts Fahd

Iran's geographical position can't be ignored

By Ahmed Jarallah

IN a wide-ranging interview with the Arab Times, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has predicted that the price of oil will rise to \$26 per barrel by the beginning of next year and added: "Iran is geographically situated opposite us across the Gulf and neither we nor Iran can change this status-quo."

He said: "We are committed to a fixed production volume and as a result, price rates have maintained good levels. At times, the prices had even exceeded projected levels."

He added, should OPEC countries commit themselves to the current production volume, oil prices will show an improvement.

World markets have often tried to counteract the fixed production policy. The situation has also undergone considerable change when governments decided to reduce energy consumption. The markets have been able to save seven million barrels per day, by committing themselves to the 'reduce consumption policy,' the King added.

However, he said, violating production quotas is not in the interests of the kingdom and similarly not in the interest of oil producing countries - be it OPEC or non-OPEC members.

Returning to the issue of the type of relations that should prevail in the region after the end of the Iran-Iraq war, the King said that basically, the reasons of the war were economical and motivated by economic pressures.

As for Saudi Arabia, it does not need anything from Iran other than mutual respect and "we will be proud when our relations with them are based on good neighbourly relations and mutual respect." In this context, the King said Iraq too desires such relations at this level with Iran. "Neither of the parties can ignore the geographic locations," the King added.

Categorically commenting, Fahd said that the present condition prevails in the world dictates that in solving economic crisis, "co-operation and not war is they key-word."

The non-aggression agreement signed between Saudi Arabia and Iraq recently includes clauses that are present in agreements signed between Arab countries a long time ago. "We have decided to authenticate them in an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iraq," he said. "The agreement is a reflection that relations should be controlled among Arab countries."

On the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council, Fahd said

### Aoun relents

## Fighting may delay observers



A Palestinian girl holding her bleeding head is rushed away after a clash with police. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Jihad only way to fight Israel'

## Shamir appoints elections team

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 2. (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has appointed a team to work out details of his Palestinian elections proposal, and one issue on its agenda is active US involvement in supervising the balloting, a spokesman said today.

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"While the Arab leadership is moving towards peaceful solutions, the enemy's leadership is rejecting publicly all talks and increases its repression ... the only effective means against the occupation is jihad (holy war)," it said.

In the occupied lands, 11 Arabs were wounded in stone-throwing clashes with troops, hospital officials reported. They said seven were wounded in the West Bank cities of Nablus and Hebron and four in the Gaza Strip, including a 7-year-old girl with a serious gunshot wound to the head.

At the Elysee, Arafat was allowed to fly a Palestinian flag on the automobile that drove him to the courtyard. But Mitterrand did not come out onto the steps of the presidential palace to meet the PLO chief as he would for a head of state.

## Reds stepping up urban killings to offset defeats: Aquino

MANILA, May 2. (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino said today communist rebels had stepped up urban murders to offset rural defeats.

Aquino told reporters she had ordered her security command to prevent a repetition of a street ambush on Sunday in which rebels shot dead two presidential guards out buying groceries.

The rebels were losing in the countryside "and so in their desire to gain publicity, they are now getting victims here in the urban

areas," she said.

It was the third Manila street ambush in 10 days. In the earlier attacks a US Army colonel and a food company security officer were killed.

In central Sorsogon province, five guerrillas were killed and five militiamen wounded yesterday when about 150 rebels attacked a militia outpost, the military said on Tuesday.

A businessman said at least eight of nine alleged communist rebels killed by soldiers in

## Kuwait supports Jordan

KUWAIT, May 2. (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned to Kuwait after a short visit to Amman where he held talks with Jordan's King Hussein yesterday.

Sheikh Saad and Hussein discussed the situation in Jordan following a wave of rioting over price increases, a royal palace official said, in Amman yesterday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the King briefed Sheikh Saad about "the latest incidents that took place in the southern cities of Jordan and how (the situation) later stabilised."

The visit came amid reports that the Gulf Co-operation Council states were discussing additional aid to Jordan, where economic difficulties triggered four days of rioting last month.

But the official Jordan news agency, Petra said

Sheikh Saad told reporters on arrival that his coun-

try "holds special feelings of respect and sincerity for dear Jordan."

He also said: "We have followed with concern the developments that took place in some areas of Jordan and I have found it necessary to come here ... and to reiterate the depth of the brotherly and unique relations between both countries and their peoples."

"The security and stability of Jordan are the security and stability of Kuwait."

Hussein has blamed his country's economic difficulties on the failure of richer Arab states to fulfil a 1978 pledge of \$1.25 billion in aid, spread over 10 years.

Kuwait reduced regular cash payments under the 10-year accord in 1984 and ceased them in 1985. It has since made unpublishised free shipments of oil products to Jordan.

Kuwait originally was to pay almost \$200 million

## 'Revise PLO charter'

Arafat meets Mitterrand

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that all the present Arab gatherings are tributes that pour their water into the Arab League and its charter justifies the existence of such gatherings. Thus, "we support any gathering that finally leads to achieving the idea of the Arab League," he said. These councils and gatherings were instituted to reflect that the Arab Council and gatherings have been designed to support the role of the Arab League," he added.

On the Lebanese situation, the King said: "We as Arabs must put an end to the terrible tragedy that is ongoing in Lebanon." It is worth every effort and sacrifice to restore peace and stability in that country, he added.

"Therefore, all we hope for is that the Arab six-man committee will be successful in its efforts and all concerned parties will become fully aware of the tragic situation in Lebanon," he said.

"This is the concern of all, both at the international and local level. It is very essential to have the flexibility needed to wrap up the Lebanese issue."

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## US will pull out if WHO admits PLO as member

WASHINGTON, May 2. (Agencies): The United States said yesterday it would pull out of the World Health Organisation if the United Nations agency admitted the PLO as a member state.

Such a move would cost the organisation one-quarter of its operating budget.

Spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said: "We feel very, very strongly about this."

She said the US position is that the US vigorously opposes the PLO becoming a full member of WHO or any other UN agency. She said: "Political questions such as this shouldn't be on the UN agenda."

She said that the United States would withhold its dues to the organisation to underline its opposition to the implicit recognition of the PLO as a full-fledged state. The US contribution amounts to 25 per cent, or \$73.8 million, in the next year's fiscal budget.

The organisation is expected to vote next week in Geneva on the question of admitting or rejecting the PLO application for full membership. A majority vote by the member nations would admit the PLO, changing its status from an observer delegation.

US Secretary of State James Baker has informed the Arab ambassadors and the Arab League representative in Washington that the US-Palestinian dialogue will be affected negatively if the PLO and the Arab states insist on making the Palestinian state a member in UN organisations, press reports said from the PLO headquarters.

He was greeted by a French government minister, Secretary of State for International Cultural Relations Thierry de Beauvais, in a reception hall at the airport used for official welcoming ceremonies.

A red carpet led the way to the airport reception room, but the PLO leader did not receive full military honours reserved for visiting heads of state.

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## Arafat aide in Lebanon shot dead in ambush

Senior Fatah official

SIDON, May 2. (Agencies): A masked gunman in this southern port city today assassinated within four days in Sidon, Lebanon's third-largest city, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut.

They said the assassin, using an automatic rifle, fired several bullets at Issam Salem as he was shopping in broad daylight in Sidon, 24 miles (37 km).

Salem, also known as El Loah, was hit and critically wounded in the head, and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died during emergency surgery, the sources said.

Salem in his late 40's, was a senior official of the PLO's mainstream group, Fatah, and the personal aide of Arafat in Lebanon.

No group claimed responsibility for the killing.

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In Paris, where PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met with President Francois Mitterrand, a PLO official said Salem died in the attack.

Two passers-by were wounded by bomb shrapnel, according to police.

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## Jumbo engine explodes

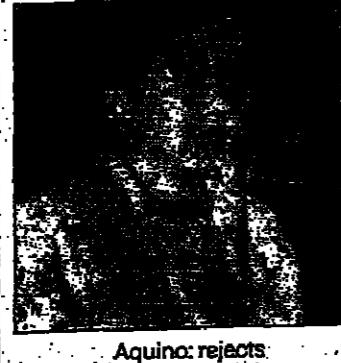
MANILA, May 2. (AP): A Saudi Arabian jumbo jet with 93 people aboard returned to Manila today after one of its engines exploded about 20 minutes into a flight to Riyadh, airport officials said.

Airport and airline employees were reluctant to give details but said no one was injured, and that the explosion apparently resulted from a mechanical failure rather than sabotage.

Manila control tower technician Andy Abuan said flight controllers monitored the explosion and advised the pilot of Saudi flight 399 to turn back.

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Aquino: rejects

## Bonn steps up campaign for missile talks

BONN, May 2, (AP): West Germany turned to NATO leaders in other European countries today in search of ways to overcome US and British opposition to negotiating reductions in short-range nuclear missiles.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's proposal for superpower talks to reduce short-range atomic arsenals has created a sharp dispute within the Western alliance, with both

the United States and Britain saying such negotiations could endanger Western security.

In an attempt to gain support for West Germany's position, Kohl headed to Rome today and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was bound for Paris for talks with French leaders.

Italy has said it agrees with West Germany on starting up negotiations on the

short-range missiles, but France has not made its position clear.

West Germany claims it has the support of nearly half of NATO's 16 member nations.

"Naturally the German view must have a special weight (in the ongoing discussions) because the Lance (short-range nuclear) rockets are on our soil and because our Army represents the largest

conventional contribution (in West Germany) to the common Western security," Genscher told the Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper.

The United States has proposed that NATO make unilateral cuts in its battlefield nuclear weapons to help bridge sharp divisions in the alliance over the issue, a NATO official said today in Brussels.

### Improvement

#### \$1.9b for B-1

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuter): The US Air Force wants to spend \$1.9 billion to improve the troubled B-1 bomber over the next five years and \$298 million this year on development of the B-2 Stealth bomber. Defence Department officials said yesterday.

The major B-1 cost would be \$725 million to fix problems in the aircraft's radar jamming and other electronic countermeasures equipment.



**Opposition protests**

Paraguayans went to the polls on Monday to choose a new president and congress in elections marred by allegations of rigged voting lists, stolen slips and voter intimidation. Picture at left shows opposition demonstrators protesting against government supporters in downtown Asuncion. At right, acting President Andres Rodriguez raises his arms with confidence after voting at a polling station in Asuncion. (Reuter wirephoto)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Cabinet shakeup

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 2, (AP): President Daniel arap Moi has replaced his beleaguered vice president in a cabinet shakeup that leaves Kenya's major tribe out of the government's top two jobs for the first time since independence.

Moi named George Saitoti, the finance minister and a former professor of mathematics at the University of Nairobi, as the country's sixth vice president since it broke away from Britain 25 years ago.

#### Investigation

SEOUL, South Korea, May 2, (AP): South Korea's main intelligence agency said today it was investigating the leaders of the two main opposition parties in connection with a dissident's illegal visit to communist North Korea.

The agency for National Security Planning said it questioned Kim Da-Jung Monday night about the Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan's visit to the North, but fellow opposition leader Kim Young-Sam refused to be interviewed.

#### Inheritance

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): The palace has decided that only Emperor Akihito and his mother, the empress dowager, will inherit the late Emperor Hirohito's private property, news reports said today.

Kyodo News Service said the Imperial Household Agency has decided to ask 11 other imperial successors to waive their rights of inheritance.

#### FSX jet deal

WASHINGTON, May 2, (UPI): The first move on Capitol Hill to block the FSX jet fighter deal with Japan was made yesterday by Democratic Senator Alan Dixon of Illinois, who called the proposed agreement a give-away.

President Bush on Friday announced agreement with Japan on the controversial project, a programme in which the United States would get about a 40 per cent share of the development of the plane, an updated version of the F-16 built by General Dynamics.

#### Masayoshi Ito

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who has announced his resignation amid a wide-reaching bribery scandal, was expected next week to ask former Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito to succeed him, sources said on Monday.

After Takeshita announced his resignation last Tuesday, Secretary General Shintaro Abe and chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party formally asked Ito to take the job. But Ito, 75 and ailing, said he had no intention to do so.

#### Veterans group

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): An activist veterans group that believes there still are US prisoners of war in Indochina is seeking a country that will offer asylum to anyone who brings out a living POW, a spokesman for the group said Monday.

Ted Sampley, head of the National Steering Committee for American War Veterans, said the organisation believes it can get an American out within six months after asylum is guaranteed.

#### Charles' visit

ANKARA, May 2, (Reuter): Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, will pay a one-day visit to Ankara on May 12, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said today.

"Prince Charles will meet President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal during the private visit," ministry spokesman Inal Batu said. He gave no other details.

#### \$4,000 reward

JOHANNESBURG, May 2, (UPI): The South African government condemned today the assassination of a white human rights activist regarded as an authority on state repression and pledged "no stone will be left unturned" in arresting his killers.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said a 10,000 rand (\$4,000) reward had been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of activist and senior university lecturer David J. Webster, gunned down outside his home on Monday.



**Russian rock band**

Underground Russian rock band 'Avia' poses in London with the Houses of Parliament in the background. The band from Leningrad, are on their first tour outside Russia. The members are from left Alexandre Kondrashkin, Alexei Rakov, Nikolay Gusev, Marat Timergazov (known as the Voice of the People), Jenya Zhdanov and Lena Bobretsova. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Sinhalese attack Army garrison

Militants beaten back, three killed

COLOMBO, May 2, (AP): Soldiers at Sri Lanka's largest Army garrison today beat back Sinhalese militants who attacked the camp with grenades and automatic rifles, a military official said.

At least three militants were killed and five soldiers injured in the raid, which was launched during a heavy downpour at 1.30 a.m. (2000 GMT yesterday), said the official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Earlier reports said one militant was killed.

He said at least 100 militants attacked the Panagoda Army garrison, 20 kilometres (12 miles) southeast of Colombo, which usually holds between 10,000 and 15,000 soldiers.

The attack was the biggest raid on an Army post by the militants since they launched an anti-government campaign in 1987 to protest peace overtures to Tamil rebels.

The militants have attacked Army camps and police stations in the past to get weapons. The military official said the attackers penetrated the Panagoda garrison's perimeter and came within yards (metres) of its armoury before being repulsed.

Army helicopters and foot patrols searched rice paddies and jungles around the camp for the militants, many of whom are believed to be injured, he said.

He said authorities thought the attackers belonged to the People's Liberation Front, an ultranationalist Sinhalese group.

The government has blamed the front for the killings of at least 3,000 people, mostly government officials and supporters, since Sri Lanka signed a peace accord in July 1987 aimed at ending a Tamil insurrection that started in 1983.

At least 25 imprisoned Tamil rebels yesterday overpowered Indian soldiers guarding a jail in northern Sri Lanka and escaped with weapons and ammunition, residents said.

A trader in Vavuniya town, north of Colombo, said by telephone he saw at least 25 armed Tamil youths running past his house.

Meanwhile, suspected Sinhalese militants ambushed a police patrol jeep in the eastern town of Polonnaruwa, killing four policemen and wounding two others, military officials said.

The official said the militants detonated a land mine as the jeep passed over it and then fired with automatic weapons.

In the north, suspected Tamil rebels shot and killed a senior government official, the military officials said.

Muthiah Panchalingam, 52, the top administrator of Jaffna district was shot and killed by three unidentified gunmen in a village outside Jaffna town, they said.

#### Ultimatum delivered

BELIJING, May 2, (AP): Nearly 6,000 students calling for democracy and freedom marched today in Shanghai, while students in Beijing said they would march if the government does not recognise their new student unions within 24 hours.

The Shanghai students set out in the early afternoon from Fudan University and East China Teachers' University and marched to the downtown People's Square. The official Xinhua news agency said they carried banners reading "Give us democracy and freedom," "Oppose privileges" and "Media tell the truth."

Xinhua said they planned to present a petition to the local government and Communist Party branch.

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### Sihanouk may return

## Cambodia peace bid

JAKARTA, May 2, (Reuter): Cambodian guerrilla leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk will return home if Vietnamese troops withdraw from his country and the government makes more peace concessions, Cambodian Premier Hun Sen quoted him as saying today.

The 38-year-old premier was speaking to reporters after a two-hour meeting with the former ruler on ending Cambodia's isolation and the 10-year-old civil war.

He said he and Sihanouk had

## North jury delaying

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): The jury in the trial of Oliver North was continuing its deliberation without any indication of what may be delaying a verdict, while a dispute over media access to a court document threatens dismissal of the jury and the declaration of a mistrial.

The panel, which has done nearly 46 hours of work over nine days, has given US district judge Gerhard Gesell no notes in a week.

In another development, Joseph Fernandez, former chief of US intelligence in Costa Rica, pleaded innocent yesterday to four criminal charges based on his role in the Iran-Contra affair.

Federal Judge Claude Hilton set a jury trial for July 10 and released Fernandez on his personal recognizance.

Fernandez is charged with two counts of obstructing a presidential commission's 1987 inquiry into the 1986 Iran-Contra affair and two counts of lying to investigators.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Doubt cast on test-tube fusion

## Two universities find flaws

BOSTON, May 2, (UPI): Scientists at two leading research universities produced strong new evidence yesterday casting doubt on work by two chemists who said they achieved nuclear fusion in a jar at room temperature at the University of Utah.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, said they had been unable to reproduce the Utah experiment, and had found no evidence fusion had taken place.

But physicist James Brophy, vice-president of research at the University of Utah, defended the work by Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann, saying they had "spent 5-1/2 years on this research" and "now people spending four weeks on crude experiments are criticising their work."

"It's unfortunate," Brophy said, adding that the criticism represents "an eastern elite approach, that nothing good can come out of the great southwest."

Utah Governor Norm Bangerter said the war is really over the millions the eastern science establishment might lose.

In an announcement that shook the scientific world, Pons and Fleischmann said March 23 they had produced what they concluded to be a nuclear fusion reaction in a flask of water at room temperature. The experiment, they said, generated a tremendous amount of heat, holding out the promise of limitless cheap and safe energy from a simple method if their results could be duplicated.

In nuclear fusion, which

### Effect of stress

## Baby boomers tend to have depression

BOSTON, May 2, (UPI): Baby boomers are apparently much more likely to develop depression than their parents, perhaps because of the stress unique to their generation, according to a large new international study.

The research, involving more than 30,000 people in 13 studies, found those born after World War II in the United States, Canada, West Germany, Sweden and New Zealand were about twice as likely as those from earlier generations to develop clinical depression.

The people who have been born since World War II are experiencing high rates of depression," said Myrna Weissman, a professor of epidemiology and psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons who helped conduct the study with Dr. Gerald Klerman of the Cornell University Medical College in New York City.

The researchers also found that baby boomers tend to develop depression at an earlier age—in their 20s instead of their 30s or 40s.

The researchers are uncertain why the rate of depression may be increasing but speculated the trend may be tied to increased stress and a breakdown in traditional family structure.

"They may be exposed to more of the risks that are associated with depression, such as separation, divorce, living alone, social isolation," Weissman said.

The unusually large size of the baby boom generation has

occurred in the sum at a mind-boggling rate of speed and at temperatures of more than 1 million degrees Fahrenheit (more than 550,000 C), the joining of nuclei from atoms of different isotopes produces energy according to the relationship of Einstein's theory of relativity. It is the opposite of nuclear fission, the production of energy by splitting the atom.

A 16-member team at MIT said it determined the two Utah researchers overestimated the amount of neutrons their experiment produced—a pivotal piece of evidence.

And at Caltech, chemistry professor Nathan Lewis said in a statement, "we have no evidence whatsoever for nuclear reactions or even for unusual chemical reactions."

"We uncovered a number of errors large enough to cast serious doubts on published determinations of excess heat," Lewis said. "When these errors are avoided, we obtain no evidence for heat production."

The Caltech experimenters say they used neutron detectors 100,000 times more efficient than those used in the Utah experiments and still could not find any evidence that fusion had occurred.

Pons and Fleischmann said their experiment produced much more heat than it consumed and produced neutrons, which is evidence the heat was coming from a nuclear fusion reaction.

Parker acknowledged the Utah experiment may have produced very low levels of neutrons or that it may work through some previously unknown mechanism in which fusion occurs without the production of large amounts of neutrons.

### Minister shot to death

LAKEVILLE, Indiana, May 2, (AP): A minister, his wife and two of their daughters were discovered shot to death in the church parsonage as the congregation sang hymns next door.

Investigators believe the four were slain on Saturday. The one-story frame house was locked and without signs of forced entry, said St. Joseph county sheriff's Cpl. Charles Feirrell.

The bodies of Robert Pelley, 38, Dawn Pelley, 32, and their daughters Janel, eight, and Jolene, six, were discovered on Sunday. Three other children, 10, 14 and 17, were not home at the time.

All appeared to have been shot at close range by the same weapon, Feirrell said. "Indications are that robbery and burglary are not the motives of this homicide," Feirrell said. "We have some ideas of a motive, but we're not going to discuss this yet."

### Photographer found dead

BANGKOK, May 2, (AP): Joe Gall, a Canadian photographer who covered the war in Afghanistan for the Associated Press, was found dead at a Thai resort hotel, officials said today. He was 29.

Gall's body was found on Sunday afternoon at the bottom of the swimming pool at the Ocean View Hotel in the Pataya resort, 110 Kilometres (68 miles) south of Bangkok, and the hotel's assistant manager, Viroj Phumrung,

Viroj said Gall had gone swimming in the pool alone at about 1 a.m. Sunday after having had some drinks.

Foul play was not suspected, Viroj said.

### Underwater project

BOSTON, May 2, (AP): Auditorium lights dimmed and thousands of youngsters went silent yesterday when a 7-million-dollar science project whisked them to the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea, live and in colour.

Television screens showed them the satellite-relayed view of a camera-equipped submersible robot being towed over the ocean floor. It was the first of two weeks of live broadcasts to an expected 250,000 students at 13 museums from British Columbia to Florida.

The project suffered a temporary setback last week when the 7-foot-long (2-metre) robot Jason, a newer version of the camera-carrying submersible that explored the sunken ocean liner Titanic, sank among the ruins of an ancient Roman trading ship off the coast of Italy.

"Monday night was the time when most of the nation was used to being with Lucy," said a statement by the family announcing the Roman Catholic masses.

The statement added that the family "hopes that her friends across the country who have been so supportive and loving will join together in celebrating her life."

Miss Ball starred in the "Lucy Show" and "Here's Lucy," showed last nights on CBS-TV, while "I Love Lucy" had starting yesterday and other days as well.

### Sunday-only comic strip

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): Cartoonist Berke Breathed says he will discontinue his Pulitzer prize-winning comic strip "Bloom County" on Aug 6, and begin a new, Sunday-only strip the next month.

The announcement from the Washington Post writers group was reported in yesterday's edition of the Post. It quoted Breathed as saying "a good coming strip is no more eternal than a ripe melon."

"Bloom County," featuring Opus the Penguin and a cast of other characters from the fictional locale, became one of the United States' most popular comic strips after its introduction in December 1980. It is now carried by nearly 80 daily and college newspapers.

Breathed, 31, was awarded the Pulitzer prize for distinguished cartooning in 1987.

### Man charged

UK call for tighter gun control

WITNEY BAY, England, May 2, (AP): Police charged a 22-year-old civil servant with murder yesterday following a shooting spree that killed one man and wounded 14 other people in a northeast coastal town.

Lawmakers called for a tightening of Britain's already strict gun control laws following the indiscriminate shotgun rampage Sunday afternoon.

Police arrested Robert Sartin, 22, shortly after the 15-minute attack in the quiet streets of the Monkseaton suburb of Whitley Bay seaside resort. Dressed entirely in black and wearing sunglasses and an ammunition belt, the gunman walked the streets shooting at whoever he saw, witnesses said.

Kenneth Mackintosh, 41, married and the father of two children, was killed. Four of the 14 wounded remained hospitalized yesterday, three of them in serious condition.

Police yesterday granted the suspect a five-minute visit with his parents, then announced his identity and said he was charged with Mackintosh's murder.

At a police news conference, detective superintendent Bob Benten said Sartin is likely to be charged with other offences at a later date.

Police said the shotgun found in his car when he was arrested by an unarmed policeman at a pub parking lot two miles (three kilometres) away was licensed to his father.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, the cabinet minister responsible for law and order, has asked for a full police report into the midday shootings in Monkseaton.

Britain's gun laws were tightened following the country's worst mass murder, in August 1987, when gun collector Michael Ryan ran through Hungerford, 60 miles (100 km) west of London, killing 16 people, including his mother, before turning his gun on himself.

The new laws outlawed sawed-off shotguns, mortars and self-loading rifles, a high-powered weapon similar to that used by Ryan.

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES



Irina's light moment



Palestinian players

### 30 seconds of radio silence

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 2, (AP): Some 10,000 commercial radio stations in the United States will go silent for 30 seconds on May 26, broadcasters said yesterday, as part of a campaign to show the importance of radio.

The 30 seconds of dead air time—"The Day the Radio Stopped"—will mark the beginning of a 100-million-dollar campaign with the theme: "Radio, what would life be without it?"

The booming voice of actor James Earl Jones will tell listeners that "for the next 30 seconds this station and others would like you to imagine your life without radio. Imagine if all your days sounded like this..."

### New anti-gang law

LOS ANGELES, May 2, (AP): The mother of a reported gang member suspected in the rape of a 12-year-old girl is the first parent to be charged under a new anti-gang law in California, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Gloria Williams, 37, was accused on Friday of failing to supervise her 14-year-old son. She faces a maximum sentence of a year in jail under the street terrorism act which makes parents responsible for the criminal acts of their children.

### New York students protest

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Protests against tuition increases spread to most city University of New York campuses yesterday as hundreds of students occupied buildings, blocked traffic and forced cancellation of classes.

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### New AIDS drug

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee yesterday recommended approval of an aerosol version of a drug that helps prevent a life-threatening pneumonia in AIDS patients.

The FDA is expected to follow the recommendation and approve an aerosol version of pentamidine within weeks, said an FDA source who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Aerosolised pentamidine has been widely available to AIDS patients since the FDA in February allowed its distribution to be expanded as an experimental medication under government review.

### \$5 million suit

BIRMINGHAM, May 2, (AP): A woman who spent several years trying to prove she is the daughter and heir of country music legend Hank Williams Sr is back in court again.

Cathy Deupree Adkinson has filed a five-million-dollar suit against the estate of her adoptive parents, Wayne and Louise Deupree, claiming she was defrauded.

### Home video programme

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): House Speaker Jim Wright, now defending himself against ethics charges, in 1985 inserted in Congress' official journal an effusive endorsement of a home video programme sold by a company employing his wife.

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## 25,000 poor families supported by Zakat House

**There is real poverty, says director**

THE director general of Zakat House Fad Al Omar has said that the house has given financial support to more than 25,000 poor families in Kuwait since it was established. The house supported 7,150 needy families last year; 937 families received regular donations, 5,622 families received non-regular donations, 91 chaste families (who do not ask for donations personally), 107 families get non-profitable loans, 269 families got donations from the students fund, 80 families got from prisoners fund and 319 families got sup-

port from the patients fund.

He added that 3,018 families benefitted from Fit Zakat (alms) in 1988.

Omar said that the house offered more than 105,000 breakfast meals during Ramadan last year and more than 3,600 persons are benefitting from these meals daily. He also added that 1,990 needy families benefitted from orphan's clothes project, 1,123 families from sacrifices of Eid Al Adha, and 120 students from the student fund during the last year.

Omar pointed out that there is real poverty in Kuwait. There are poor families which need the monthly donation and can not get their food without support from the house. There are some families who have regular income but they face financial trouble because of serious and necessary obligations like building a house or when the sponsor of the family suffers an accident, he said.

Omar called on the local charitable societies and committees to co-ordinate among themselves and integrate activities

in order to avoid duplication. The house investigates applications submitted by families which require donations in order to make sure that these families really deserve help. The house has a clear and limited charter and system for giving donations.

Omar said that activities and charitable projects of the house extend outside Kuwait such as building mosques and schools. These projects are built according to demand of contributors he said.

## World Nurse Day

THE Kuwait Nursing Society celebrates the World Nurse Day and Kuwait Nursing Week on May 13 and 18.

A local daily quoted the director of the Nursing Services Department at the Ministry of Public Health Mariyam Al Ruzum as saying that the activities would focus on school health and that symposium and lectures would also be held as part of the celebrations.

### Lectures

Memorial shields would on this occasion be distributed to those who actively contributed

to the progress of the society and development of its services, Ruzum said.

The first day would include lectures on school health and the role of nurses in school health. The second day would include a symposium on the role of nurses in school clinics, to be followed by a workshop on the part played by nurses in the development of school health.

Lectures would be given by an Omani guest on the same subject to be followed by a symposium on the dimensions of the smoking problem, the official said.

## NEWS IN BRIEFS

### Site allocations

THE Municipal Affairs Committee has endorsed a request by the National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters to allocate a site for a children's educational centre within the site designated for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

The committee also endorsed a request for allocating a site for a recreational children and mothers centre in block 6 in Mishref.

The committee agreed to allocate the area behind the welding hall in Khetan, block 66 for the construction of an unfenced public car park.

The committee also approved a request by the Kuwait Driving Training Company to expand the site allocated for the Driving Training School at the West Mubarakiya camp by a total of 11,000 sq.m. The total site area will thus be 35,700 sq.m.

The committee also agreed to allocate two sites totalling 2,000 sq.m. for the Public Authority for Civil Information in South Sabahiyah for a government information office and the commercial centre in Jahra block No. 93, which is designated for government use.

### Jahra traffic

THE most prominent traffic problems in Jahra are driving without a licence, speeding, recklessness and violation of auto safety regulations, according to Col Mohammed Al Miradeh, director of the Jahra traffic department.

He told a local newspaper that accidents recorded in Jahra were the lowest of all governors, particularly after the construction of a new highway and the rise in public traffic awareness following the intensification of traffic patrols and the arrest of violators.

Miradeh pointed out that the so-called Abdaly-Jahra 'death-road' should no longer have this name as no more tragic accidents are reported taking place there.

He said special attention is given to traffic flow during the spring, and more traffic patrols are allocated to avert crowding and traffic jams.

The phenomenon of skidding and reckless driving betrays a lack of traffic sensitivity and immaturity which are patterns almost always exhibited by school drop-outs, he said.

### Subiya project

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Power Generation and Water Distillation Projects Affairs, and Electrical Grids Projects Hmoud Al Inizi has said that the operation of the first unit of the Subiya power generation and water plant will commence in December 1992.

He told a local daily that the remaining eight units would be operational in May 1993 with a total capacity of 2,400 mega watts, which include two water plants.

The new plant is provided with standby systems to deal with emergency situations. These systems include gas turbines which would supply the plant with power during emergencies.

Meanwhile, a team of British and French experts have arrived in the country to evaluate and study the national power supply grid to determine what technical faults are responsible for the total blackout in the country.

### Lebanese wounded

INTENSIVE contacts are reportedly under way between Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health and its Lebanese counterpart to arrange admitting Lebanese patients for treatment into Kuwaiti hospitals.

Well-informed health sources have been quoted as saying that arrangements to receive a total of 50 Lebanese patients, 23 from West Beirut and 25 from East Beirut, together with their family members, have been concluded.

The sources added that the Central Department of Medical Emergencies in Kuwait would form two committees to supervise the medical treatment of Lebanese patients. One committee will supervise the transport of Lebanese patients to Kuwait through Cyprus and the other patients via Damascus.

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### PACI branches

PLANNING Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi has said that Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) has decided to open two branches in Ahmadi and Jahra governorates beside the main office at the 6th Ring Road.

The opening of the two branches is considered a preliminary step to establish similar branches in other governorates in future to alleviate overcrowding at the authority's centres.

## Kuwait's development plan to revise human fabric

THE Undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Planning Dr Abdulhadi Al Awadi was quoted as saying that the current Kuwaiti developmental plan was based on revising the population fabric, the development of human resources and the enhancing of the role of the private sector towards the establishing of national industries that require huge capital.

In an interview published by Chinese Economic Data Bulletin and carried by the local daily Awadi said that Kuwait was not developed with national industries on the basis of returns only, but was concerned with its national security and the industries which pay special concern to the human being.

### Trends

He added that the state was seriously striving to implement this plan and that future trends will concentrate on the developing pharmaceuticals, food and basic industries. He clarified that the country's concern towards the food industry was represented in the support given to the agricultural sector which aimed at expanding agricultural lands in order to achieve self sufficiency.

Apart from the above, the plan will concentrate on the national workforce by providing necessary training opportunities, he

said. Awadi added that the government will extend necessary loans towards supporting national industries and will protect the local market from so-called dumping of foreign goods on the market.

In the meantime, oil and petrochemical industries will be the main industries that the country should rely on. In answer to a question whether the government intends to support other industries such as the clothing industry and other commercial ones, the official said that this would depend on the availability of industries that could compete with foreign ones.

The undersecretary also said that money which had been allocated for the implementation of the developmental plan was estimated at KD seven billion and that most of these amounts will be allocated for infrastructural and constructional projects as well as productive ones.

He called on the private sector to play its own role in the industrial field as well as in the grooming and training of national cadres to take their role in future developmental projects.

Awadi said co-operation is open between both China and Kuwait, and if we were to compare the situation now and that situation years ago, we find that a

lot of progress has been made. "We think that China is a friendly country and our relations with it are clear, and that has a good effect on the Kuwaiti economy," Awadi said.

He further added that the Kuwaiti economy is active, and there is no problem in the light of the current population and volume of investments. However, the rebuilding of Iran and Iraq will contribute immensely to the re-activation of the economic situation in Kuwait, particularly in field of exports/imports.

### Investments

Meanwhile, the director general of the Public Investment Authority Dr Fahd Al Rashed said that the situation in East Asia and Southwest Asia attracts Kuwaiti investments which is characterised by diversification to cover real estate, joint or independent projects and enterprises in money markets.

He stressed the important role of foreign investments in supporting the development of the Kuwait economy, pointing out that the government has shares in many local companies and establishments of a purely commercial nature. This helped push the national economy forward and gave the local companies the chance to run its activities and affairs positively.

The authority had also published brochures explaining data about wheat cultivation including details of using fertiliser harvesting, irrigation systems and information related to blights, the official said.

Replying to a question on the suitability of Kuwaiti climatic conditions for the production of wheat, Nageeb said that the soil is sandy and temperature high and this will eventually result in limited cultivation. The cultivation season will begin from Oct 15 and continue until Nov 15 with harvesting taking place after a period of approximately five months.

He went on to state that cultivated land for wheat amounted to about 600 hectares involving 239 farmers. The output is being purchased from the farmers at a price which is double that prevailing in the international markets.

A committee had been formed titled "The Wheat Committee" comprising representatives from the authority, KISR and the Farmers Union. The committee will follow up the progress of wheat cultivation, harvesting and marketing techniques. The committee will also follow up the scientific aspects involved in wheat cultivation in order to determine the potentials of increasing its success. Each 100 square metres produced 250 to 300 kilograms of wheat.

Nageeb said: "If we are to achieve self sufficiency in the field of wheat cultivation, we have to cultivate half of the area which has been allocated for housing purposes." Wheat does not need a lot of water, but it needs spacious lands rich with organic matter.

In conclusion, the official expressed hopes that Kuwait's agricultural land will be expanded in the coming five years to keep abreast with the prevalence of agricultural developments. This will be possible with the support of the government to this vital sector, he added.

Wheat cultivation is of paramount importance in the Gulf not only in Kuwait but also in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

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In another incident, a Kuwaiti woman was arrested for shoplifting a gold necklace worth KD200.

Investigations are being conducted into all these cases.

## Five women thieves caught in the act

SECURITY men arrested five women in the act of stealing at the Northern Nugra Shopping Complex, after keeping close surveillance on all customers.

Surveillance was instituted as several shop owners had complained to the local police station that several articles had been stolen from their shops.

Surveillance resulted in observing that certain women would start arguing with shop owners over prices to distract attention while their accomplices hid valuable under their cloaks.

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Opening the meeting, Rashed said that the concept of a Kuwaiti award of this kind goes back to the time the council was established, adding that the council's sessions which began

## Committee to follow up wheat cultivation

By Naser Al Tamimi

WHEAT cultivation started in earnest in 1988 in keeping with the directives of HH the Amir, according to an official source.

In an interview with a local daily, Ahmed Al Nageeb, acting chairman and head of the technical affairs at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources said that HH the Amir expressed deep concern related to strategic crops as this was in keeping with the policy related to food security adopted by the state.

All necessary encouragement in the form of credits, equipment, seeds and technical expertise had been extended to the farmers. Several successful experiments had been conducted in co-operation with the authority and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR).

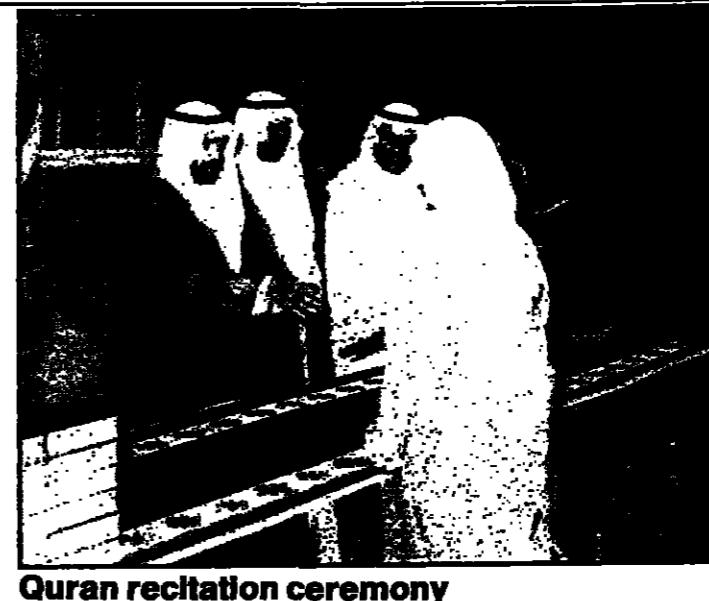
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**Quran recitation ceremony**

UNDER the patronage of Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, the Ahmadi governor, the final ceremony of Ahmadi governorate Holy Quran recitation was held yesterday evening.

Jasem Al Shati the head of the organising committee delivered a speech on the occasion and thanked the Ahmadi governor who distributed prizes to the first ten winners.

The ceremony was attended by the director of Ahmadi educational area, high education officials and officers.

## BABY FOOD: NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

HEALTH officials in Bahrain have assured the public, particularly mothers, that the consumption of baby food stocks available in the island is perfectly safe in the wake of baby food contamination of products manufactured by a major British food producer, Heinz, last week.

British police are investigating reports of about 250 cases of baby food products 'adulterated' or 'tampered' with by unknown people. Broken glass, razor blades and caustic soda have been discovered in jars of Heinz, Cow and Gate foodstuff.

### Quantity

A spokesman of Al Jazira Cold Store, the local agent for Heinz, assured that there was no cause for alarm as the company imports mainly American-made products of the British company. According to him about 99 per cent of the Heinz baby food products come from the US. The small quantity of the products that come from Britain are perfectly safe as they are sent directly from the factory, he added.

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## Herbal treatment at Islamic Medical Centre

THE head of the Islamic Medical Centre in Kuwait Dr Ahmad Al Jendy has said that the centre provides herbal treatment for certain diseases and evolved the Islamic approach to preventive medicine and related health fundamentals.

He told a local newspaper that the centre was also bent on collecting Islamic medical heritage in order to put to active use all Islamic medical achievements in the various fields, including research and studies by brilliant Muslim scholars.

Jendy added that the centre also clearly set the legal Islamic view on certain medical practices, such as the test-tube and transplants, and that for this purpose the centre sponsored the holding of lectures and symposium to discuss the forbidden and the lawful in Islam.

Jendy said that Islamic heritage is part and parcel of human life and that it provides vital advice on the development of modern life and related spiritual reflections, which led people, mainly in the Western world, to attempt suicide, form an addiction to drugs, develop difficult psychological diseases and fail to adapt to life as they go.

He went on to say that many patients exhibited psychosomatic symptoms, which was a form of organic response to what is basically psychological.

He lauded the herbal treatment programme, which is based on Islamic medicine, for the fact that it contained no chemicals and consequently was not potentially dangerous like ordinary medications.

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# May Day rallies break with past

Protesters dispersed in many countries

MOSCOW, May 2. (Agencies): A new mood of optimism shone through Moscow's May Day celebrations yesterday as more than 100,000 people paraded before reforming leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but elsewhere in eastern Europe police broke up rallies.

In Warsaw, however, thousands of Solidarity supporters rallied jubilantly in what veteran observers said was the biggest independent gathering in the Polish capital since Pope John Paul's visit in 1987.

Popular tunes mixed with martial music in the Moscow festivities, where marchers filed past Gorbachev and members of the ruling Politburo for more than two hours, carrying banners praising his reforms.

"There were more flowers, balloons and colour than in previous years," said one Western diplomat. "It seemed more relaxed. There was also a distinct lack of ideology."



Gorbachev stands with an unidentified Moscow girl on the Tribune in the Lenin Mausoleum in Red Square during May Day celebrations. (Reuter wirephoto)



Polish police flee from radical anti-communist youths armed with wooden sticks and tear-gas in Warsaw on Monday following the biggest Solidarity-sponsored May Day march in many years. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Reject the slavery of materialism: Pope

**Scubillion beatified**

ST DENIS, Reunion, May 2. (Reuter): Beating a 19th century priest who worked to free slaves, Pope John Paul today warned Catholics on the wealthy French Indian Ocean island of Reunion to reject the slavery of modern materialism.

"On your island you enjoy relative prosperity. But the race to consumerism can lead people to stray from the real evangelical path of human achievement," the Pontiff told a crowd of up to 200,000 pilgrims gathered under a blazing sun.

Calling on islanders not to be afraid of saying no to "the slavery of materialistic values," the 88-year-old Pope praised the work of Brother Scubillion, the first holy man from this volcanic island to be honoured with the title "Blessed."

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**Violent May Day**

Opposition leaders and commentators said on Tuesday a government ban on rallies was responsible for the most violent May Day clashes in Turkey since three years of Army rule ended in 1983.

One man died in hospital after being hit in the head by a bullet and 35 people were injured, seven by gunfire, in protests near Istanbul's Taksim Square.

Demonstrators, some shouting slogans of the extreme left and Kurdish separatists, confronted police with guns, metal bars and stones, officials said.

Picture shows a demonstrator who was shot in May Day protest lies on the street as unidentified eyewitness in tears speaks to a policeman in Istanbul. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Pilots know how to evade Stingers

**Kabul issues gas masks to troops**

KABUL, April 2. (Agencies):

The Afghan Air Force pilots have developed techniques to evade US-made Stinger missiles and has not lost a single jet fighter to any of the shoulder-fired projectiles used by Muslim rebels besieging the garrison town of Jalalabad, Afghan pilots said.

And in the Philippines, riot police fired tear-gas bombs to disperse thousands of protesters demanding higher wages and the removal of US bases.

Police and protest leaders said 70 people were hurt after about 5,000 people marching to the US embassy fought police with rocks, bottles, and metal pellets fired from slings.

Riot police in South Korea fired tear gas in a battle with about 5,000 striking workers in Masan and nearby Changwon after protesters tried to stage a May Day rally, police said. About 200 workers were arrested.

Police said about 6,600 people were arrested in Seoul when police blocked a rally called by labour groups to mark May Day.

In Turkey, 36 people were injured in battles with security forces during outlawed May Day marches in Istanbul, the Anatolian news agency reported. Eight of them were wounded by gunfire, including one man who was shot in the head.

Officials banned the holiday because they said it was a Marxist tradition. The Interior Ministry said 400 people were detained in Istanbul during unauthorised marches and another 500 in the Aegean coastal city of Izmir.

**Arrested**

In West Berlin, police used water cannon, teargas and truncheons against at least 2,000 masked protesters who hurled fire bombs, looted stores and smashed windows in May Day skirmishes. Police said small groups of masked protesters firebombed parked cars in the Kreuzberg district, with several cars catching fire and exploding.

They said a policeman was knocked down and beaten and his service pistol was stolen.

In communist East Berlin, at least five dissidents were arrested for staging demonstrations alongside officials celebrating dissident sources said.

In China, where authorities are struggling with a student movement for democratic reforms, the Communist Party marked May Day by appealing to workers to resist forces of social instability.

In Japan, police said 1.1 million people took part in May Day rallies. Some evolved into peaceful protests against the stock-pricing scandal that has shaken the government and prompted the resignation of Prime Minister Noboru Takeo.

In Honduras, more than 50,000 people demonstrated in six cities and burned US flags to protest the US military presence in the country and Washington's support for the Nicaraguan rebels.

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## Thought for today

FORTUNE IS NOT ON THE SIDE OF THE FAINT-HEARTED —  
Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496 BC-406 BC).

## New blood in Yugoslavia

By Vjekoslav Radovic

JANEZ DRNOVSEK, Yugoslavia's next president, won the first direct election by secret ballot since the communists came to power in 1945 at the end of World War Two.

Voters in his maverick home region of Slovenia, in northwestern Yugoslavia, chose Drnovsek on April 2 in the pioneering poll as their representative to the collective state presidency instead of the establishment candidate Marko Buic, 63.

At 38, he will be Yugoslavia's youngest-ever president when he takes office on May 15 as head of the state presidency for a one-year term after the eight-member body is reconstituted with new representatives from each republic and province.

The president's job rotates annually among the regions, and it is Slovenia's turn in May.

Drnovsek has a doctorate in economics and is an ardent advocate of a market economy.

He is keen to set a precedent in the highest constitutional body by uniting the feuding ethnic groups within the Yugoslav federation of six republics and two provinces.

"I am determined to insist on a search for common language among all the federal units, in order to overcome economic and political problems," Drnovsek said in an interview with the federal newspaper Borba.

Yugoslavia is saddled with 400 per cent inflation and a \$22 billion debt. The country is plagued by political struggles within the ruling Communist Party as well as ethnic conflicts highlighted by recent ethnic Albanian riots in Kosovo province.

Drnovsek, a member of parliament, is regarded by Western diplomats as a shrewd economist, expert on debt and monetary problems.

He says Yugoslavia must establish new financial mechanisms in order to become part of the international financial market, a song likely to please the ears of Western creditors.

"That would reduce the present division of Yugoslavia into national (regional) economies," he said.

A former banker and a leading Yugoslav debt expert, he says he believes that current bickering among Yugoslavia's ethnic groups can be overcome by a reversal of its economic fortunes.

Drnovsek said Prime Minister Ante Markovic, appointed in March, should take a fresh initiative to ease the debt burden.

He told Tanjug in an interview: "Our indebtedness could be reduced to a normal level in the next five years," a period equal to the term of the collective state presidency. Part of the debt should be converted into foreign investments, he said.

The new government should initiate such action and with the support of the state presidency it could be achieved."

Focusing his election campaign on the "convertible dinar," Drnovsek said the Yugoslav national currency, which has lost 84 per cent of its value against the dollar over the past year, should become convertible within the next five years.

"The dinar has not been used as a means of foreign payments since 1977 and its convertibility is one of the conditions for a more active role in the world market," former Yugoslav National Bank governor Branko Colanovic explained.

Drnovsek will be chairman of the Non-aligned Movement in September, when Yugoslavia, one of the founders of the group, takes over its leadership.

He has said Yugoslavia should remain non-aligned but that it should also move closer to the European Economic Community, the European Free Trade Association and the Council of Europe.

Drnovsek lives in Zaleko, a small town near the Slovenian capital Ljubljana.

He says he likes jogging, tennis and long walks in the mountains more than politics.

"He is allergic to Yugoslavia's unintelligible political jargon and mumbo-jumbo," one of his acquaintances said.

Unlike most Yugoslav politicians, Drnovsek speaks four foreign languages fluently: English, French, Spanish and German. He listens avidly to classical music.

His election victory with 56.07 per cent of the vote against 41.14 for Bulic came as a surprise to himself and local media.

Tanjug News Agency said it would be "remembered as an important step towards democratisation."

His election represents a major break with the generation of politicians who served under the late president Josip Broz Tito, who died in 1980 after 35 unchallenged years in power.

The Slovenian official newspaper Delo said Drnovsek was expected to make peace among bickering bureaucratic oligarchies which have deeply divided the country.

## PRESS REVIEW

## Lift blockade: Aoun advised

KUWAIT (KUNA): A local daily 'Al Watan' has appealed to the head of Lebanon's interim military government General Michel Aoun to lift off the blockade of Muslim harbours and has reassured that the Lebanese crisis would not be resolved unless all the Lebanese reach accord and understanding.

The paper in a front-page editorial said that General Aoun has to reconsider his rejection of the third paragraph of an Arab League three-point plan calling for a ceasefire, opening of crossing points between the two sectors of Beirut and lifting of blockades on air and sea ports.

The paper added that "the shelling and opening of fire will do no good in a country where almost everyone holds guns."

"Rejecting the three conditions including the ceasefire, opening of passages and lifting of the siege on ports will not serve a Lebanese settlement but will further complicate the situation," the paper warned.

Therefore, the paper noted that General Aoun has to be more wise and use less the policy of heavy bombardment because the way to solve the Lebanese crisis is not through force but by agreement among the different Lebanese parties.

Al-Watan appealed to General Aoun to give up some of his demands and avert Lebanon another bloodbath.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1660 — Peace of Olivia is signed, ending war between Brandenburg, Poland, Austria and Sweden.

1814 — France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.

1833 — Turkey recognizes independence of Egypt and cedes Syria and Aden to Mehemet Ali.

1841 — New Zealand is formally proclaimed a British colony.

1849 — Prussians suppress revolt in Dresden.

1859 — France declares war on Austria.

1898 — Bread riots erupt in Milan, Italy, and are crushed with heavy loss of life.

1917 — British launch fresh attacks at Arras, France, to break Hindenburg line in World War I.

1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.

1963 — Government crisis in Syria threatens recently agreed-upon union of Syria, Iraq and United Arab Republic.

1972 — Turkish guerrillas hijack Turkish plane and land in Sofia, Bulgaria.

1988 — Amnesty International accuses Afghan and Soviet forces of killing refugees trying to flee war in Afghanistan into neighbouring Pakistan.

## Arab Times exclusive

Economic motives have become a cause for co-operation

## We want good neighbourly relations with Iran

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THIS holy month of Ramadan has been hectic as it has been a time of continued interviews with Arab kings and presidents. But, in the last 10 days of the holy month, Makkah should be visited and activities be crowned with an interview with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

On Monday evening I had iftar with the King and began the interview with the following query.

Q. Your Highness, could you elucidate on the non-aggression agreement you signed with Iraq recently — especially its political aims?

A. The agreement includes items that are available in agreements signed by and between Arab countries a long time ago. We decided to authenticate them in an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iraq. The agreement is a reflection that relations should be controlled among Arab countries.

Q. How do you view the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council? Some people see it as an unexpected power like the appearance of the Axis powers.

A. All the present Arab gatherings are tributaries that pour their water into the Arab League and its charter justifies the existence of such gatherings. We support these gatherings.

We in the GCC declared the establishment of our council because we have many similar social and economic links that lead to the appearance of our gathering. It is ideal, because we will not dissolve our gathering if we differ on any aspect, but meet for discussion with enough time to resolve the issue. Thus, we support any gathering that finally leads to achieve the idea of the Arab League.

Q. Do these Arab councils and gatherings have any military significance — or do they just constitute gatherings in the framework of the Arab League and relate to member state interests?

A. These councils and gatherings were instituted in accordance with the Arab League charter to boost economic relations among member states. In my opinion the most important should be the concern of the Arab states to the economic issue. As for the military aspects of the Arab council and gatherings, this has already been covered through the Arab Joint Defence Treaty that was held within the framework of the Arab League. I would like to reiterate that the Arab council and gatherings have been designed to support the role of the Arab League.

Q. What about the extraordinary summit scheduled to be held in Rabat, Morocco and why was the regular summit not held in Riyadh?

A. Since the last regular summit, the Arabs held three extraordinary summits and the Rabat one to be held soon will be the fourth. As I see it, there are no insoluble problems among Arab countries. The important point for us is to ensure that Arab leaders have a meeting to person-

ally air their points of view and arrive at amicable solutions — irrespective these be through an extraordinary or regular summit.

In the last three extraordinary summits, great progress has been achieved and several vital issues improved. During the forthcoming summit to be held in Rabat, we hope that other important issues will see progress.

Q. Do you feel that the efforts of the Six-man Arab Committee will prove successful in dealing with the situation in Lebanon?

A. We as Arabs must put an end to the terrible tragedy that is ongoing in Lebanon. Reviewing the situation in Lebanon, it is obvious that it is worth every effort and sacrifice to restore peace and stability in that country.

During the forthcoming summit, discussions will primarily deal with the Lebanese as well as the Palestinian issues. Granted, that when Arab leaders meet, they will open files of urgent issues. Thus, it is difficult to determine what other topics will be dealt with.

Therefore, all we hope for is that the Arab six-man committee will be successful in its efforts and all concerned parties will become fully aware of the tragic situation in Lebanon. This is the concern of all, both at the international and local level. It is very essential to have the flexibility needed to wrap up the Lebanon issue.

Q. What is your opinion on the current oil prices? Do you think they will fluctuate or remain stable?

A. This totally depends on the degree of consistency in maintaining agreements in the OPEC countries related to oil production. My belief is that if the OPEC countries commit themselves to the current production volume, oil prices will show an improvement. This could lead to a price of \$26 per barrel. We are committed to a fixed production volume and as a result, price rates have maintained good levels. At times, the prices have even exceeded projected levels.

A drop in prices is caused by the dealings of speculators which often disappear with the return of commercial activity after the weekend. World markets have often tried to counteract the fixed production policy. The situation has undergone considerable change when relevant governments decided to reduce energy consumption. These markets have been able to save seven million barrels per day, by committing themselves to the reduce consumption policy."

A study of maintaining a fixed production policy will determine that it is more effective than a price-war that leads to increased output. This policy, presently, remains the best choice.

Q. As there are non-OPEC oil producing countries, could they not violate the production quota?

A. At one time, OPEC members were producing two thirds of the world oil requirements, but at present, OPEC produces only one third. But on the other hand, many non-OPEC oil producing countries positively responded with the OPEC call and showed positive readiness to co-operate and have reduced

their production and expressed their readiness to commit themselves to oil production ceiling.

They have realised that increasing production results in lower oil prices. For example, Russia has reduced its production by 5 per cent. Thus if this co-operation from non-OPEC continues, it will lead to stability in oil prices.

Q. You said that oil prices will reach \$26 per barrel — when do you expect this will happen?

A. I expect oil prices to reach \$26 at the beginning of the next year — provided production ceilings are strictly adhered to. We are committed to our ceiling and will not violate OPEC decision. Other producers should emulate our ideas and determination. Obviously, surplus of oil in the market will lead to price reductions.

Q. There are some who accuse the kingdom of violating the production quota by producing more?

A. This is totally untrue and no one can really substantiate it. It has become very difficult for any oil producing country to hide any increase in its oil production quota, because the types of oil are well known and any violation is easily detectable. Our commitment to the oil production quota stems from our conviction that the revenue of this finite commodity should not be sold at prices lower than their worth. Violating production quotas is not in the interest of the kingdom and similarly not in the interest of all producing countries — be it OPEC or non-OPEC members.

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Q. What about incomes of the states of the area and their budgets after the end of the Iraq-Iran war?

A. Unfortunately, this war came at a time when prices of oil reached low levels. Now that the war has stopped and prices are increasing, I believe the improvement of national incomes of states of the area will have clear and significant consequences especially if OPEC succeeds to maintain the maximum level of oil production. We see that if GCC states link interests of their people together, many situations will be improved. The private sectors in the GCC states should move. Governments of GCC states should not intervene in manufacturing works or others which

should be the responsibilities of the private sectors. Government intervention in this field, if at all should only be for a limited period to encourage the project.

For us, we have completed the basic structure and private sector should now play its role and benefit from this structure. Many people are supported by the state through the loans and industrial concessions. I believe that the coming period will be important for citizens practising this agriculture and we want them to continue in this line in order to get the agricultural sector developed. The relations between the two superpowers have changed and so is the case with other big countries. Economic relations have become a cause for co-operation and nations seeking their own strength through the solution of the war to achieve objectives and goals. Good and fraternal relations that should prevail in the region.

A: Iran is geographically situated opposite us across the Gulf, and neither we nor Iran can change this location. If we search for causes of the war, we find most of them economical and most of it were motivated by economic pressure. Countries that launched wars like Germany, there is no doubt that this leader has an important international influence. He is the only Soviet leader that succeeded in making changes in his country. There is no doubt that Gorbachev is a significant face and mind. He is also a pioneer in his work.

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A: This notion has been entertained. The industries proposed for interlinkage must be totally owned by the GCC peoples, whereby each country will benefit from the privileges. It requires co-ordination before we can eventually create integrated industries totally owned by the people. That is to say that such industries, should not be Kuwaiti, Saudi or others, but joint industries with joint funding.

The creation of such industries is part of the GCC objectives.

The primary aim is to interlink the interests of our peoples, whereby all citizens could run concerns in any GCC country, and be at home wherever they have to move.

weapons, short-range arms would have the specific task in a war of destroying second-wave Soviet assault forces massing in Eastern Europe.

Distressingly for West Germans, however, the short range of these weapons means they can only hit their kinsfolk in East Germany.

The Germans argue that as the Warsaw pact's ability to stage a surprise attack diminishes with progress in the CFE talks there is correspondingly less need for tactical nuclear weapons.

"The targets you need SNF for would have gone," said Hans Binnendijk, director of studies and a nuclear expert at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Britain and the United States, more cautious than Bonn in dealing with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, believe opening talks now on SNF would ease the pressure on Moscow at the bargaining table in Vienna.

They would prefer NATO to press ahead with modernisation plans to replace the 88 ageing lance missiles launchers with a much longer-range system which could strike deep into pact territory.

Military experts say an SNF treaty which only reduced, but did not eliminate, would be difficult to verify against cheating. This would make a Soviet call to abolish all SNF systems difficult to resist.

**TALKS ON SHORT-RANGE NUCLEAR ARMS**

## NATO allies in missile clash

By Richard Balmforth

NATO planners who juggle daily with the numbers of the military balance have become haunted by a single cipher — zero.

Ever since the superpowers signed the 1987 INF treaty scrapping two classes of intermediate-range nuclear missiles, orthodox voices in NATO warned that Moscow would soon seek a "third zero" eliminating the remaining systems on European soil.

Now to their chagrin it is West Germany, whose territory is dotted with hundreds of nuclear weapons, pushing

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Baghdad tries to revitalise economy

## Iraq dissolves business federation

BAGHDAD, Iraq, May 2, (AP): The Iraqi government, reversing a 20-year-old nationalisation, dissolved the state-run business federation to allow businessmen to set up their own, the government-run business weekly reported today.

The weekly Al Ittihad announced that the ruling Revolutionary Command Council decided to disband the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and allow merchants and industrialists to set up two separate organisations.

According to the RCC decree, there will be separate chambers of commerce in each Iraqi town, in addition to a national organ-

isation for industrialists.

All members of the two federations will be elected by businessmen in direct and secret balloting, the weekly said.

### System

The government dissolved the independent system twenty years ago and integrated the two federations into a single body run by the government.

The decision is a further step in trying to revitalise the Iraqi economy by giving private businessmen more freedom in running their affairs.

Iraq is struggling to pay off at least \$30 billion in money borrowed from the West during the 8-year war with Iraq that ended

in a ceasefire last August. To reduce its own financial load the government has started selling all but its heavy industry to the private sector.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi News Agency, INA, said today that Iraq has reached agreement with Mercedes Benz and General Motors on domestic production of their trucks, buses and cars.

### Contracts

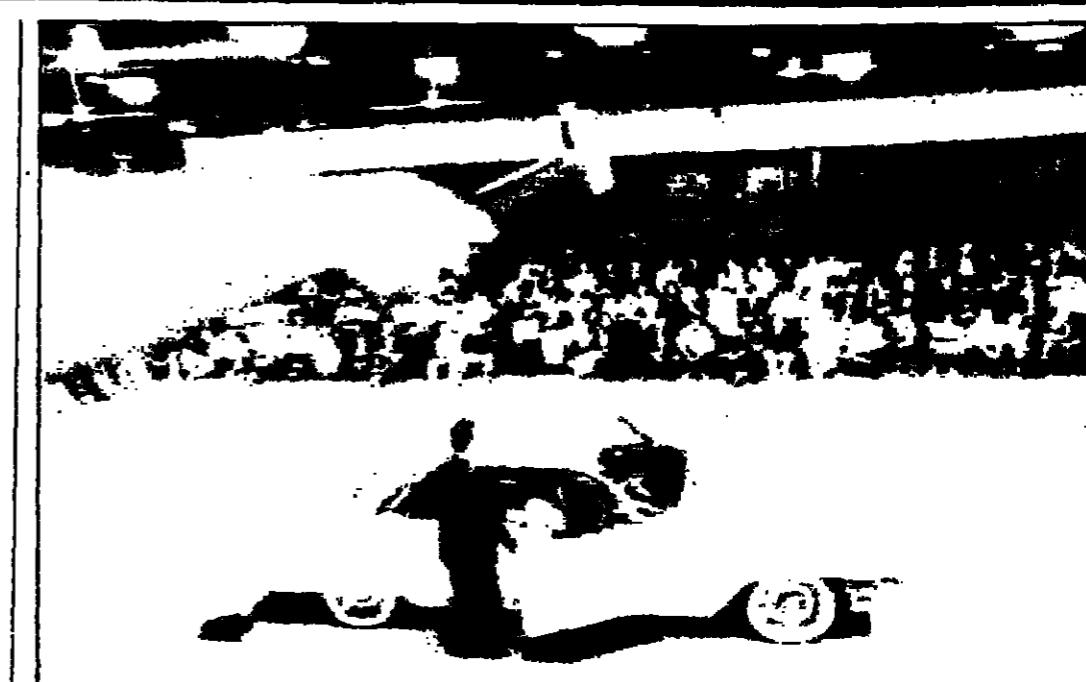
It quoted Hussein Kamel Hassan, minister of industry and military industrialisation, as saying Mercedes trucks and buses would be manufactured as well as 90,000 Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars.

He said 30,000 pick-ups and 10,000 smaller cars would also be produced. INA did not make clear if contracts had already been signed.

Hassan also said Iraq was negotiating with several countries to build a shipyard for naval and merchant vessels but gave no details.

Iraq on Friday opened an arms fair in which 28 countries including the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China are taking part.

Iraq itself has more than 200 exhibits. Hassan said Baghdad had told Arab countries it was ready to supply them with weapons at cheaper prices.



**White Cadillac sold for \$23,000**

A white Cadillac, once owned by the late film actress Marilyn Monroe, was sold for \$23,000 under the auctioneer's hammer on Monday. Businessman buyer Paul Terry said he plans to exhibit the limousine in his west Australian car museum. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Japan's foreign reserves top \$100b

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): Japan's foreign exchange reserves surged to more than \$100 billion in April, a Ministry of Finance official said today.

The ministry official said this marked the largest amount of exchange reserves amassed by one country since the International Monetary Fund began monitoring reserve funds, which measure a country's ability to meet foreign payments.

Japan's supply of foreign exchange, which has been increasing since December 1985, reached \$100,361 million at the end of April, the official said, requesting anonymity.

Although in previous months Japan's foreign reserves had been increasing by about \$500 million per month, in April reserves increased \$1,008 billion.

The official attributed the sudden increase primarily to a surge in income from working capital, including US Treasury bonds.

According to the ministry, in February 1989 the United States had accumulated \$50.426 billion in foreign exchange reserves, while West Germany had \$60.926 billion and the United Kingdom \$44.349 billion. Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves were \$75.600 billion in January 1989, the official said.

## Ford unveils first-quarter earnings

FORD Motor Company had record first-quarter earnings of \$1.64 billion, or \$3.44 per share, chairman Donald E. Petersen and vice-chairman Harold A. Poling said. Earnings in 1989 exceeded last year's previous first-quarter record by \$14 million and per-share results improved 13 cents.

The company's world-wide sales and revenues totalled \$25.9 billion, up 12 per cent from the first quarter of 1988. Factory unit sales were 1,740,000, up 77,000 units, or five per cent.

"Our strong first-quarter earnings are a result of world-wide efforts by the Ford team which has shown once again its commitment to continuous improvement in providing high quality products and services to our customers," said Petersen and Poling.

## High precision digital technology from Hong Kong

HONG KONG has taken a step forward in digital technology, with Hong Kong Digitek Laboratory Limited, a leading expert in the field, recently launching a range of electrical meters designed for professional use.

Measurements are now free from inaccuracy due to guess-work on the exact position of the pointer, as in conventional analogue models. Hong Kong Digitek's digital meters tell it clearly and precisely, with no-nonsense numerical LCD displays.

Hong Kong Digitek's latest offerings include a multi-functional frequency counter FC-1000AE, hand-held multimeters DT-930F and DT-830A, and the pen-type auto-ranging digital multi-meter DT3211, all meticulously built to measure more than one electrical specification.

FC-1000AE operates on AC 200—240 volts (V) i.e. between 47 and 63 hertz (Hz).

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## New economic alliance South Yemen to join ACC

CAIRO, May 2, (Reuter): Abdul Aziz Al Dali said yesterday his country would join Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen in their new economic alliance, the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

Dali, quoted by the Middle East News Agency (MENA), said after talks on bilateral issues with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid: "My country wants to be a part of this body."

### Policy

Leaders of the ACC are expected to meet in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria on May 10.

### Project aims to protect producers

## Factory chiefs call for quick start to Gulf unified scheme

Riyadh, May 2, (Agencies): Factory executives from the six member countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) have called for the speedy implementation of the proposed unified specifications scheme in the region.

The project is designed to guarantee top quality goods and help protect producers and consumers from trading problems within the GCC, which groups OPEC member countries Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates as well as Oman and Bahrain.

The officials from polystyrene factories in the region also called on secondary industries to depend on the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) for their supply of transplant thermoplastic material instead of foreign sources.

### Priority

According to the "Al Jazira" newspaper, the meeting, which was held at the offices of the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GOIC) in Doha, stressed that SABIC should give priority to supplying these factories with materials.

## Ministers seek payments cut

### Baker wants case-by-case talks

WASHINGTON, (AP): Mexican and Venezuelan cabinet ministers called yesterday for a reduction in the billions they pay on foreign debt and heard Secretary of State James Baker press for case-by-case talks.

"Governments of creditor countries have promised changes in accounting, tax and banking regulations to facilitate a reduction of debt and payments on it," said Mexican Finance Secretary Pedro Aspe.

"Now it is up to those governments to keep their promises and up to the banks to absorb the upsurge in Latin America is being subjected to severe tests everywhere, and the

losses recognised by the market, in order to begin with Mexico a new era of prosperity and progress."

Markets last week valued Mexican debt at 43 cents on the dollar. If that valuation were generally accepted by the banks, Mexico's interest payments would be cut in half. Mexico has about \$7 billion in principal and interest payments to be made this year. It is negotiating with banks on how to find the money.

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### Convince

In fact, Rawi said, he had to convince himself not to rush to Alaska to take charge after aides called with the news a few hours after the Exxon Valdez had grounded.

But after consulting with company executives, he said he decided his presence in Valdez would detract from the critical first task of keeping the supertanker from leaking more oil.

Rawi, whose personal earnings topped \$9 million last year, is not well-known to the outside world. For the first time since he joined Exxon in 1952, he had to publicly

underlying cause is the economic crisis which most of our countries confront..." warned the Venezuelan Minister of the Presidency, Reinaldo Figueredo.

In February Venezuela's newly-elected government had to deal with riots brought on by price increases that were imposed to help meet debt payments.

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## Exxon chairman under pressure in worst US spill

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Exxon Corp. chairman Lawrence G. Rawi keeps a book about the shipwrecks on a shelf in his office. To the head of the biggest US oil company, the worst shipwreck happened on his watch, and he's paying the price of public rebuke.

The one-time petroleum engineer, who took over Exxon's helm in January 1987, has agonised over the beating that Exxon's image has taken since one of its supertankers hit a reef in Valdez, Alaska. It spewed 250,000 barrels of crude oil into Prince William Sound, the worst spill in US history.

Rightly or wrongly, critics have accused the 60-year-old executive of mismanaging the disaster from the start, particularly because he seemed to remain hidden from the press and public for a week afterward.

While the nation awaited word from Exxon about the spill on that March morning, Rawi

defends himself and his company against what he calls "deep and virulent attacks," something with which he is clearly uncomfortable.

He says trying to convince an unbelieving public of the 107-year-old company's sincerity has become the most painful crisis of his career.

Rawi said he believes fate has guided his career and will continue to do so.

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## Manipulators send Taiwan stocks soaring

TAIPEI, May 2, (Reuter): Taiwan's shadowy stock manipulators have thwarted government efforts to tax them out of Asia's second biggest share market and they are back, helping to push the booming bourse to new highs.

Share analysis said the 'big hands' — a group of wealthy individuals and underground investment companies — are again at the forefront of trading, playing a game that last year gave investors here a roller coaster ride.

The manipulators' reappearance surprised many analysts, who predicted that a tax on share profits introduced on January 1 would drive them out of business.

### Blurred

"They have been acting very blantly," said Daniel Chiang, vice-president of International Investment Trust.

Analysts said the market's resurgence is due mostly to new efforts by big players to jack prices higher.

"As the market heats up the big guys are interested in keeping it going so the small players will jump in. Then, later, they can unload on them," said one foreign analyst.

The government introduced the tax on profits on annual stock sales exceeding 10 million Taiwan dollars (\$389,000) to halt the waves of buying and selling inspired by manipulators.

"The tax doesn't seem to have had that effect on them at all," said Dickson Ho, senior analyst at W.I. Carr (Taiwan).

Instead, manipulators are finding new ways to run the market, sending both the index and daily turnover sky-rocketing.

Taiwan's weighted share index gained 25.9 points or 3.2 per cent today to end at 8,357.96, close to its record high of 8,789.78 posted last Sept 24. Turnover was at a record 105.15 billion Taiwan dollars (\$4.1 billion) compared with the previous 102.62 billion (\$4 billion) on April 19.

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## Sir John Boyd dies

LONDON, May 2, (AP): Sir John Boyd, a miner's son who grew up to lead Britain's engineering workers' union for seven years, has died at the age of 71, the British Broadcasting Corp. announced yesterday.

Boyd, who was a governor of the BBC from 1982 until July 1987, died yesterday at his home in Eastbourne, south of London, the BBC said.

From 1967 to 1975 Boyd sat on the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the national organisation of unions.

He started work as an engineering worker, became a trade union organiser in 1946 and was president of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in 1964.

Boyd spent years fighting communists and the left for control of the 1.5-million-member Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and was its general secretary from 1975 to 1982.

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## Gold prices down

LONDON, May 2, (AP): The US dollar rose in early European trading today following a three-day May Day holiday weekend in most financial capitals. Gold prices fell.

Foreign currency dealers said the dollar appears to have lots of support, partly from high interest rates.

"The market doesn't appear to be afraid of anything right now," said Oswald Dietrich, head market risk adviser for Bank of America in Frankfurt.

Other traders said the holiday-shortened week could result in thin volumes exaggerating any changes in the dollar. Some European markets will also be closed on Thursday for Ascension Day.

Other dollar rates at midmorning, compared with late Friday:

— 1,8871 West German marks, up from 1,8305

— 1,5847 Swiss francs, up from 1,6742

— 6,3804 French francs, up from 6,3630

— 2,1265 Dutch guilders, up from 2,1220

— 1,38025 Italian lire, up from 1,3

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DARREN 191.0  
DAVIS GOF 181.0  
DAVY COR 254.0  
DAWSON GP 189.0  
DELTA GRP 326.0  
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STOREHSE 175.0  
SUN ALLIA 147.0  
SUN LIFE 885.0  
TARMAC 310.0  
BELHAVEN 51.0  
BELLWAT 245.0  
TYLR WOOD 618.0  
BENROSE 236.0  
DEVNISH 299.0  
DEWIRSTR 44.0  
DIPLOMA 248.0  
DORSON PK 98.0  
DOMPAS GR 340.0  
DOND INGM 74.0  
DONYT GRP 268.0  
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DRAYTON C 537.0  
DRG 449.0  
DUKEMISTER 79.0  
DUNDEE LD 327.0  
DUNHILL 309.0  
EAGLE TST 18/2  
EDIN I.T. 191/1  
EDMOND HD 45/4  
ELECTRA 272.4  
ELECTRO 206.0  
EMAP 241.0  
EMPIRE ST 180/1  
ENG. INT. 302.0  
ETAM 169.0  
EURO HOME 236/0  
EUROTHUR 326/0  
EURMLT UT 828.0  
EURMLT WT 67.0  
EVODE GRP 190/0  
EX.CO. LOU 152/0  
EXPANET 214/0  
F&C ENTER 34/0  
F&C EUROT 296.0  
F&C PACIF 169.0  
F&C SMLR 78/4  
FARNELL E 166.0  
FED. HOUS 209/0  
FENNER JH 177/4  
FERGUSON 267/0  
FINE ARTS 220/0  
FINLAY GP 83/0  
FINLAY J 107/0  
FITCH LOV 260/0  
FKB GROUP 312/0  
FLW.H. INC 109/4  
FLMG AMER 137/4  
FLMG INV 184/0  
FLMG JPN 248/0  
FLMG MERC 205/4  
FLMG TECH 182/4  
GERDERRANT 275/0  
GESTERSON 277/0  
GOODE DUR 126/0  
GPG 43/0  
GRAMPY HD 336/0  
GREEN KNG 515.0  
GREENLL W 308/0  
GREYCOAT 474/0  
GMP TV A 70/0  
GT PRTLND 567.0  
GUINNS MA 125/0  
GUS OHD 625/0  
GVTR ORIE 383/0  
GVTR STT 262/4  
H'LND DIS 234/0  
HALMA 215/0  
HAMMERS I 311/0  
HANTRH LE 66/4  
HAZELWOOD 255/0  
HEATH(CE) 460/0  
HELENE PL 326/0  
HELICAL B 309/0

## LONDON (BPAI STOCKS)

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

**WASHINGTON:** Citicorp chairman John Reed has invited the heads of leading international banks to a meeting in New York Tuesday to draw up a response to Mexico's bid for debt relief, Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe said. (XKU 2240)

Mexico City: Mexico's President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said his government would take negotiations with its foreign creditors as far as necessary to win the benefits the country needs. (XKU 2221)

New York: The advisory committee of Venezuela's commercial bank creditors is expected to resume talks on Thursday without Venezuela's debt negotiating team, bankers said. (XKU 2198)

Washington: A high-level Venezuelan official said significant debt relief must accompany tough reform measures if struggling Latin American nations are to avert social tension and debt fatigue. (XKSM 1843)

Washington: Regulatory and accounting authorities from the G-7 industrial nations met in Paris last week to discuss the implications of the new US debt reduction initiative. Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford said. (XKTE 1924)

Tokyo: Japan's Association of Securities Dealers has started to list standardised prices for 42 Eurodollar warrants on shares in Japanese companies as a reference for investors, an association official said. (XKVO 0427)

Washington: The World Bank said it will lend India \$20 million to improve the domestic transport of oil products and to increase the country's pool of skilled workers. (XKLX 2250)

## BONDS

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	104	105	102	HUK IRON	125.50	122	118
ACC	311	308	301.50	GNFC	41.75	41.50	38.75	NAT INDEX	397.56	401.77	
ALEX CHEM	--	--	--	GRASIM	135	137	132	NAT ORG	--	--	
ALV HIS	--	--	--	GSCF	146.25	143.75	138.75	NIPPON	41	40	41
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	72	72	70	NOCL	905	910	870
ASHOK LEY	84	86	82	GUJ HEAVY	14	11	13	ORKAY	24.50	23	24
ASIA PAINT	201.25	197.50	202.50	HONDA	27	27	26	OSVAL AGRO	77.50	75	77.50
ATLAS COP	46	46	46	HIND CIBA	1080	1080	1050	PEICO	28	26	25
AUTO CORP	85.75	81	83	HIND COCA	108	108	105	PFIFFER	80	78	80
SAJAJ AUTO	441.75	435	427.50	HIND LEVER	82	83	83	PREG AUTO	62	61	58.50
BAR RAYON	485	475	465	HIND MOTOR	48.75	48	46.50	RAMBAXY	116.25	112.50	116.25
BK BOND	152.50	150	148	HINDALCO	317.50	315	302	RAY MOUL	81.50	80.50	81
BLOW PLAST	--	--	--	HOCHEST	870	880	860	RECKITT	192.50	185	190
BON DYE	161	162	152	IND ORG	40.50	39	39	RELIANCE	136.50	134.50	127
BSE INDEX	770.90	780.36	780.36	IND RAYON	105	106	100	SEGA GOA	49	48	47
BURR WEL	215	202.50	210	INDROL	325.75	322.50	315	SRI FIB	85	80	82.50
CANSHARE	200	190	200	INGERSOLL	360	--	--	SIEMENS	78	76	75
CEN ENKA	2850	2830	2755	ITC	95	94	95	SKF	2960	2950	2840
CEN SPG	1900	1905	1850	JK SYN	87	83	82	SPIC	59	58	57
COLGATE	347.50	347.50	335	KIN ENGG	185	185	180	ST MILLS	315	320	300
CROMI GR	940	920	950	KIR CURN	75	74	75	TATA CHEN	120.50	121	121
DOM	13	12	13	KSB PUMPS	380	--	--	TATA OIL	70	70	67.50
DEE FERT	30	30.50	28.50	L AND T	103	103	99	TATA POW	370	365	345
DUNLOP	95	90	92.50	LIPTON	80	79	79	TELCO	870	860	845
EI HOTELS	57	56	57	MAC RUSSEL	--	110	110	TRAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESCORTS	68	66	66	MAC COATS	99	97.50	99	TISSO	1455	1445	1412
ESKAYEF	140	137.50	136.25	MAHIMORA	107	107	104	VAK ORG	170	172	165
ESSAR SPG	24.25	25	24	MAS SHARE	20.50	20	19.50	VARELLI	32.50	30	32.75
FOOD SPL	209.50	210	202.50	MICO	645	630	635	VOLTAS	690	670	690
FORDES	50	49	47	HILKOF	250	--	--	WIMCO	30	29.50	27.50
CAR POLY	76.25	75	75	MODI	117.50	115	110	ZENITH	68	66	67
GE SHIPPING	44.25	44	42	MRF LTD	447.50	440	450	ZUNRI AGRO	65	63	60

## ASIAN STOCKS

## THAILAND

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1660	1650	MITSUB EL	1130	1110	MITSUB EST	2550	2570
AEG	216.5	218.0	AIJINMOTO	2860	2740	2700	MITSUB H	1130	1110	MITSUB H	1130	1110
ALLIANZ VR	1760.0	1780.0	AKAI ELEC	824	809	809	MITSUB HV	1130	1110	MITSUB HV	1130	1110
BADENWERK	192.0	190.2	AKOI	1500	1510	1510	MITSUI CO	1200	1180	MITSUI CO	1200	1180
BASF	301.0	301.0	ASAHI GLS	2430	2400	2400	MITSUKOSHI	2530	2540	MITSUKOSHI	2530	2540
BAYER	301.0	300.8	ASAHI OPT	930	905	905	MITSUMI EL	985	985	MITSUMI EL	985	985
BAYER HYD	39.90	40.90	BANK TOKYO	1640	1640	1640	MICHICON	1690	1700	MICHICON	1690	1700
BAYER VER	381.0	401.0	BRIDGESTON	1600	1610	1610	MITSUMI	1340	1360	MITSUMI	1340	1360
BBC	442.0	443.0	CANON	1680	1590	1590	MITSUB SEC	1840	1850	MITSUB SEC	1840	1850
BHF	468.0	471.0	CASIO COMP	1370	1380	1380	MIP ELEC	1780	1780	MIP ELEC	1780	1780
BMW	511.0	514.0	CRUGA PHM	1560	1540	1540	MIP KOKA	968	966	MIP KOKA	968	966
COMMERZBK	251.5	252.3	CITIZEN W	1100	1080	1080	MIP OIL	1690	1670	MIP OIL	1690	1670
CONTI GUMMI	264.5	265.0	D-ICHI KAN	3340	3350	3350	MIP STEEL	951	950	MIP STEEL	951	950
DAIFER BEN	660.0	669.5	DAI NIP IK	969	945	945	MIP YUSEN	1110	1120	MIP YUSEN	1110	1120
DEUTSC BANK	555.5	556.0	DAI NIP PT	2390	2340	2340	MIS MOTOR	1550	1540	MIS MOTOR	1550	1540
DIAW	544.0	549.0	DAI NIP SC	1120	1080	1080	MOMURA SEC	3440	3420	MOMURA SEC	3440	3420
DRESDNER B	325.5	326.0	DAI NIP TO	1090	1070	1070	MORIBA CO	1150	1140	MORIBA CO	1150	1140
DI BABCOCK	161.5	166.2	DAZEL	2450	2500	2500	MOSCOW	1700	1700	MOSCOW	1700	1700
FAZ INDEX	577.99	577.99	DAZEL H	2140	2050	2050	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
FELDMEIER	351.00	351.00	DAZEL H	2140	2050	2050	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
GOLDSCHMIDT	391.73	396.99	DAZEL H	2140	2050	2050	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
HARPER	456.0	460.0	DAI NIP IK	969	945	945	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
HOECHST AG	300.5	301.5	DAI NIP PT	2390	2340	2340	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
HOSCH	245.0	247.3	DAI NIP SC	1120	1080	1080	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
HORTEN	248.5	248.5	DAI NIP TO	1090	1070	1070	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
HUSSEL NLD	555.0	555.0	DAZEL	2450	2500	2500	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
KALI SALZ	196.5	196.0	DAZEL H	2140	2050	2050	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580	MOTOR OIL	1580	1580
KARSTADT	480.0	479.5	DAZEL H	2140	2050	2050	MOTOR OIL</					

## Oil-starved Nepal to seek help from China

KATHMANDU, May 2, (Reuter): Nepal, whose economy is in near collapse because of a trade feud with India, will ask China for petroleum and other essential goods, Finance Minister Bharat Bahadur Pradhan said yesterday.

"We will definitely explore the possibilities of supplying petroleum products and other essential commodities for Nepal with the Chinese authorities," Pradhan told reporters before leaving for Beijing.

"I am hopeful our friends will help us in the hour of this economic crisis," he said.

Pradhan will be in Beijing for the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank from May 4 to May 6 followed by a meeting of the Nepal-China inter-governmental committee.

India cut off petroleum supplies to the landlocked Himalayan kingdom after trade and transit treaties between the two countries expired on March 23.

**Ties**  
Nepal, which is bordered on three sides by India, has been developing its ties with China in recent years much to India's chagrin.

New Delhi fumed when Nepal purchased anti-aircraft guns and other weapons last year from China, with whom India fought a border war in 1962.

Indian customs officials said at the weekend that Nepal has exported just one shipment since the treaties expired — a load of goatskins.

The Nepali finance minister said the government is losing nearly a million dollars a day because of the feud with India, which had supplied all Nepal's petroleum and most of its essential commodities.

Pradhan said the economy would not reach its target of 5.3 percent growth in gross domestic product in the 1988/89 fiscal year ending in June, but would probably remain at the previous year's level of 1.6 per cent.

The current annualised rate of inflation of 11 per cent will probably rise, he said.

## Taipei plan approved to cut tariffs on 4,739 items

TAIPEI, Taiwan, May 2, (AP): The cabinet yesterday approved proposed tariff cuts on nearly 5,000 agricultural, consumer and industrial products to further open Taiwan's market, the government reported.

Under the proposal submitted by the Finance Ministry, the average import tariffs on 4,739 items would drop to 9.73 percent from the current average rate of 12.57 percent, the government Information Centre said in a statement.

Officials said the proposed cuts, which would take effect in July if the lawmaking legislative Yuan approves, are the most sweeping tariff reductions, even in Taiwan.

The reductions, which cover trucks, machinery, home electrical appliances, consumer and agricultural products, would affect more than 60 per cent of the total 7,800 import items listed by Taiwan.

With the cuts, the Taiwan government would lose about 11 billion Taiwan dollars (\$407 million) in annual tax revenue.

Meanwhile the cabinet agreed to offer preferential import tariffs to East Germany, Hungary and Yugoslavia on a fair and mutually beneficial basis.

Taiwan has no diplomatic ties with those communist nations but the government recently eased trade restrictions to encourage direct trade with East European countries.

Taiwan has been under pressure from the United States, this island's largest trading partner, to cut its huge trade surplus. The 1988 tariff cuts on 3,500 items helped reduce Taiwan's surplus with the United States, which fell 35 per cent to \$10.4 billion on total trade of \$36.43 billion.

Last month, Taiwan officials presented to Washington a timetable for planned reductions of the surplus. Under the plan, Taiwan gradually would cut its tariffs to 10.25 per cent this year and to an average seven per cent in 1992.

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## Move to help restore US competitiveness

# MIT study calls for grassroot changes

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): A new study released today shows that since the economy is becoming global, US managers should know more about foreign cultures and ways of doing business to help restore US competitiveness.

The MIT study shows that grassroot changes by companies, labour unions, schools and workers also are needed.

While government has a role to play, changes that come from the bottom up are essential to improving the nation's lagging productivity, the two-year study by Massachusetts Institute of Technology concludes.

The report by MIT scientists, engineers and economists, called "Made in America," pegs weakness in US industry as the biggest threat to the nation's standard of living and security.

"To live well, a nation must produce well," says the lead sentence in the study, which is being released as a 344-page hardcover book.

Among the three principal authors is Robert Solow, who won the 1987 Nobel memorial prize in economic science and is vice-chairman of MIT's commission on industrial productivity.

The other main authors are Michael L. Dertouzos, chairman of the commission and a professor of electrical engineering and computer science, and Richard K. Lester, executive director of the commission and an associate professor of nuclear engineering.

In an optimistic conclusion, says that if the right steps are taken, "this nation has every chance of entering the 21st century displaying the same dynamism that characterised its industrial performance throughout much of the present century."

The MIT study differs from many others in that it does not focus on such economic issues as the high cost of capital in the United States and the shortage of national savings.

### Concerned

Instead, it focusses on what it calls an essential concern with short-term profits; outdated corporate strategies that focus too much on mass production and the domestic US market; and lack of cooperation within and among US companies.

It also puts the blame on neglect of people, technological failures in translating

discoveries into products, and unwise public policies.

For industry, the main recommendation is to focus on steady, continuous improvements in the production process. That involves meeting customers' demands for higher quality, faster delivery and more custom-tailoring.

To budge things along, companies should go to work on designing products and the processes for making them before the research and development is even complete, the study says.

Suppliers should be treated as allies rather than adversaries, the study says. Since the economy is becoming global, US managers should know more about foreign cultures and ways of doing business it says.

Companies should cultivate a workforce that is more involved in the company's welfare, less specialised, and continuously learning, the study says.

Labour representatives should be accepted as "legitimate and valued partners in the innovation process," the report asserts.

But it also says traditional labour-union stands on work rules, job security and

compensation "need to be revised to fit a world of changing technologies, international competition and a more educated work force."

For government, it recommends taking steps to raise private savings and cut the federal budget deficit; opening foreign markets; making labour laws more flexible; supporting research and development; and making military spending more efficient.

It also recommends using tax and credit legislation to make it harder and more expensive to raise large sums of money for corporate takeovers and buyouts.

On education, it says government should get schools to promote "technological literacy" and encourage companies to do more on-the-job education and training.

The study acknowledges that many companies are too small to do extensive education and training, while others are afraid that employees will quit and take their newly acquired skills elsewhere.

In contrast, the study says, West German and Japanese employers feel they have a stake in maintaining a national reservoir of skilled workers.

Foreign debt totals \$30b

## Manila stocks gave biggest returns

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): An investor looking for a place to put \$1,000 in 1984 might not have thought of the Manila stock market. But if he had, his investment just four years later would have been worth a staggering \$14,880.

On US markets, the average return on \$1,000 after four years would have been a tame \$1,910 — calculated from the rise in the value of the stock, plus dividends paid.

Manila had the best showing anywhere in a survey published last week by the International Finance Corp. IFC's 176-page handbook entitled "Emerging Stock Markets 1987" lists markets as small as Costa Rica's San Jose market, which last year listed only about \$1 million worth of trading in 76 stocks.

The IFC, owned by 133 governments, is the part of the World Bank, which lends to private industry. It puts together the book, which sells for \$100, in its effort to stimulate the flow of private capital in the Third World.

Charles O. Sethness, director of the corporation's capital markets department, told reporters the market in Manila jolted along through 1985 without much change, despite the violent political campaign that led to the victory of President Corazon Aquino. In February 1986 former president Ferdinand Marcos was flown to Honolulu and the market took off.

### Drop

There was a sharp drop when the New York market crashed that fall, but by the end of last year total returns were back a long way toward the peak.

Returns on stock in the Third World seem to have little to do with a country's prosperity. According to the World Bank, the average Filipino had an annual income of only \$500 in 1987, a slight increase after a decline throughout the 1980s under Marcos. The country has an active communist insurgency and a \$30-billion foreign debt.

An investor in the market of relatively prosperous South Korea would have done well, but only a little more than half as well on average as in the Philippines. His \$1,000 could have turned into \$7,890 in the four years.

And in the southern African Republic of Zimbabwe headed by President Robert Mugabe, a professed Marxist, the return would have been only a little less — \$1,000 became \$7,320 in the average stock investment.

For the year 1988 Brazil turned in the best market performance though the country has the Third World's largest debt and inflation was running at more than 1,000 per cent by the end of the year. The hottest stock was Acesita, a steel company, which chalked up a return of \$8,312 for shares worth \$1,000 at the start of the year.

## Bid to increase savings

# Egypt plans to raise rates

CAIRO, May 2, (Agencies):

Egypt plans to announce increases on domestic interest rates in two weeks time, a Central Bank official said today.

Cairo newspapers quoted Prime Minister Atef Sedki last week as saying interest rates would be raised on Monday in a move to increase savings. Yesterday was a public holiday in Egypt and all banks were closed.

The official, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters: "We are working on the final details and expect to make the announcement in two weeks."

### Loans

He said the Central Bank recommended an increase of two to four per cent on deposit rates and one to two per cent on loans. Banks now have a maximum rate of 13 per cent on deposits.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has urged Egypt to hoist interest rates up to 25 per cent as part of economic reforms which would clear the way for new credits and a rescheduling of

foreign debt.

Egypt, which has problems servicing a foreign debt of \$43 billion, hopes to reach agreement with the IMF to reschedule about \$4 billion due from July 1 last year to end of next month.

A new, significant oilfield has been discovered in Egypt, the Egyptian Gulf of Suez Petroleum Company said yesterday.

A GUPCO spokesman described the find as "significant," showing promise of more oil in the area, he said.

### Production

Petroleum Minister Abdel-Hadi Qandil instructed GUPCO to begin immediate development of the oilfield.

The new field itself has potential for an initial production of 4,300 barrels a day, he said. It was discovered near the Gulf of Suez port of Shokair, about 160 miles southeast of Cairo, the spokesman said...

Most of Egypt's currently estimated daily production of about 836,000 barrels comes

from the Gulf of Suez area.

The oil was found about 6,000 feet deep in a certain sandstone layer, in which oil has never been found before, the spokesman said.

The oil also is flowing naturally "rather than by artificial means," which is also significant, he said.

Asked when the new field will be pumping commercially, the spokesman said, "it is still too early to say when exactly."

Meanwhile Egyptair has ordered seven Airbus A300-600R Jets, with an option on six more planes, Airbus Industrie said last week.

Industry sources said the deal was worth between \$450 million and \$490 million. Delivery will begin in spring 1990.

Egyptair, Airbus Industrie's largest customer in Africa and the Middle East, already operates seven A300B4-airliners and leases two A300-600s. It announced an order for seven Airbus A320s in January.

### profits.

Wellcome, reporting results for the half-year to February 28, said pre-tax profits rose to £128.2 million (\$217 million) from £94.8 million (£160 million) a year earlier.

But the company's shares fell 17 pence (28.7 cents) to close at £4.78 (\$8.08) because retroviro sales — which rose by nearly half to £59 million (\$100 million) — were at the lower end of market expectations.

"Retroviro sales were disappointing. This is the reason for

### 'US economy strong and robust'

## Sununu warns against higher rates

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): White House Chief of Staff John Sununu warned yesterday against higher interest rates, saying the economy remains

period of time, one of the most critical aspects of whether or not it's a good deal for you is the rate of interest you will have to pay on the purchase."

President George Bush has said that he does not want the Federal Reserve, an independent body, to concentrate so hard on fighting inflation that it tips the economy into a recession.

### Strong

The Fed — the equivalent of the Central Bank in other countries — exerts a strong influence over interest rates through its control of the money supply, largely exercised through purchases and sales of government securities, through rates it charges for use of its funds, and through other regulations.

## Amman chamber, FICCI sign pact

# India, Jordan economic ties to get further boost

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Agencies):

Economic relations between India and Jordan will get a further boost with Indian business community scheduled to take part in the round table conference to be held between the two countries in Amman next week.

The chairman of Amman Chamber of Industry and leader of Jordanian delegation, Khalid A. Abuhashan, is reported to have met the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi last week and is reported to have handed over a message from Crown Prince of Jordan.

The leader is also reported to have urged Rajiv to urge the business community to participate in the round table conference in large numbers.

The Jordanian delegation also had a meeting with the Minister of State for Commerce, Priya

Ranjan Dasmunshi, as well as the commerce secretary, A.N. Verma. Dasmunshi is believed to have been invited to inaugurate the round table conference in Amman.

Abuhashan also met the chairman of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC). MMTC is the sole importer of rock phosphate from Jordan.

It also has an office in Amman to co-ordinate its imports. Besides, it is understood that countertrade deals were discussed with the MMTC against imports of rock phosphate.

The agreement signed between FICCI and Amman Chamber of Industry here states that both parties will help their members as well as those interested in promoting economic relations to get in touch with their counterparts and provide such facilities

as may seem necessary for the purpose.

Both parties will facilitate exchange of visits of business delegations from each other's country and help participation in exhibitions in Jordan and India by their members as and when organised.

Both parties will provide facilities for training of chamber executives and other bodies in their respective organisations with mutual consent. The memorandum of understanding was signed on behalf of FICCI by FICCI president, Ramaiah Srinivas and by Abuhashan on behalf of Amman Chamber of Industry.

Moreover, according to a forecast of Arab economies until 1993 by a leading Middle East magazine, it is estimated that the structure and level of imports in the Arab world, characterised by

dependency on traditional trading countries will be maintained.

The international demand for Arab oil will continue to be sizeable, despite the introduction of relevant technological efficiencies in industrialised countries.

The survey of 21 Arab League states which includes Jordan points out that Arab GDP has undergone changes in the extent of each sector's contribution.

These are expected to remain constant now until 1993. Leaving out the oil sector, services will remain dominant, accounting for close to 60 per cent of organised

## Devaluation dispute

## IMF team meets Khartoum minister

KHARTOUM, May 2, (Reuter):

A team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is pressing debt-ridden Sudan for a huge devaluation and

**EVENTS****VIDEO CORNER**

Latest effort from Hollywood's hardest working men

# Good stuff — not at all rotten

By Shaun Seekins

**DIRTY** Rotten Scoundrels is the latest effort from one of Hollywood's hardest working men Michael Caine, this time he shares the limelight with Steve Martin and the end product is well worth the watching. Caine plays a sophisticated con-man working the French Riviera called Lawrence Jamison. He pretends to be a deposed prince trying to raise money to help his people rid themselves of the dictator who has taken over his country.

On a train, Caine runs into Martin who is an arrogant small-timer, who's hitting on women for hunch and a few francs with a sob story about his sick grandmother. When Martin ends up in prison after pulling a very obvious scam, he remembers this chance encounter and uses Jamison's name to get himself released.

**Surprise**

After realising what a master con-man he has run into, Martin begs for lessons and somewhat reluctantly Caine agrees. After a very amusing apprenticeship Martin decides that he knows enough to surpass his teacher and starts to work Caine's territory. To get rid of Martin, Caine agrees to a bet.

**Wonderful**

Then they told me they were going to film in Nice, Monaco, Saint Tropez and Cannes, so I thought I had better read the script. It was a wonderful script so I couldn't resist."

Eight Men Out stars John Cusack and Charlie Sheen, it is based on the true story of the 1919 Chicago White Sox



Steve Martin and Michael Caine

baseball team who accepted payoffs to throw the World Series. Although primarily a baseball film it works very well in other areas, as a courtroom drama and a piece of nostalgia. You can certainly become involved in the difficult decisions the players have to make, whether to deliberately lose or to do their best for the

fans. Don't miss it if you are a sports fan, if you've forgotten how the series actually ended then it's a nail-biting finish.

The Women of Brewster Place is a new best seller starring Oprah Winfrey and based on the novel by Gloria Naylor. Dynasty continues and the 61st Academy awards programme is now available.

## Eternal occupants of the moral high ground

By Gall Seery

Arab Times staff

The best films always seem to have the best titles, and of course, this is an important factor when it comes to choosing a video. For this reason I didn't expect Three's Trouble to be much good, and the opening sequences bore this out. I expected something two and bland, not too original, not too taxing, and probably with some sort of triangular relationship in the middle.

I wasn't wrong, but nor was I entirely right because Three's Trouble isn't two, and it isn't bland. Stuart and Barbara are a married couple with three boisterous sons. Stuart, played by John Waters, is a determined occupant of the moral high ground, who is uncompromisingly puritanical, and an intellectual snob. He won the University medal for the best intellect of his year, and has spent the last nine years working on an economic theory, which he is sure will put him at

the top of his field, so that he can pick and choose where he teaches, and win that coveted PhD.

**Submerge**

It isn't so much that he expects Barbara to submerge her own dreams in his, as that it has simply never occurred to him that she has any existence independent of him. His relationship with her is a reflection of his parents' relationship; his father is one of Sydney's leading barristers, and his mother, who we are continually told, could have been one of Australia's leading actresses, dropped everything at his call, and became instead, a disaffected housewife, an unloving mother and a drunk.

Barbara, played by the effervescent Jacki Weaver wants to return to college to study a Welfare Studies course, but Stuart tries to dissuade her, pointing out that they cannot afford baby-sitting help. She makes a number of adamant proposals, which carry such

hardships as only eating out once a month, and drinking less expensive wine.

Of course, finding someone to mind the boys isn't easy, and the third part of the triangle steps in, as Eric, a Danish drifter, comes to town. He is excellent at his job, but tries to reform the entire household, and after a scene with Stuart, he is fired.

**Honesty**

The film is well handled, and looks at the problems of marriage, and a woman's place within the framework far more honestly than say, Bridesmaids. Barbara is being pulled in every direction by the men in her family, and comes to want to make her own decisions, even if it's only to be allowed to decide what she eats and when.

Stuart is beaten to the theory by an American economist, who publishes it — and worse, is proved wrong. He decides to devote himself to his family on the grounds that he has neglected

them for years, and even attends parenting classes.

In effect, he simply changes the particular patch of moral high ground he chooses to occupy, dedicating himself not solely to being a good Daddy, but more to being a better parent than Barbara.

By the end of the film, Barbara has learned a good deal about herself — and Stuart has learned to be a little more honest with the world. The whole film is well-handled, and is made by the acting of the children, who quarrel so convincingly that they could almost have been siblings. It's rare to see such young children acting like children, instead, of automations.

In many ways, "Three's Troubles" is a sort of Australian "Educating Rita", and John Waters is very similar to Michael Caine in his delivery. It's also the sort of social comedy we'd expect to see from Willy Russell or Alan Ayckbourn, and deserves to be seen.

**WHAT'S ON****ARTS****Kuwait Science Museum**

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**

RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts.

**Sedu House**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**MUSIC**

**Piano Recital** MAY 9: Well-known pianist Klaus Zoll will give a recital at the Sheraton Hotel's Ricardo Restaurant at 5 pm, followed by a cocktail reception. For reservations call the hotel, ext. 104/107/109.

**Guit and Gazzal**

MAY 19: A musical programme "Bhoosy Bisray Gari Ghazals" is to take place at Sharq auditorium. They are also on the lookout for singers to participate in this programme. Those interested may contact: Anwar H. Abdulla — 3989111 ext. 6811; 8 am - 3 pm.

**THEATRE**

**Hindi Play** MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharat presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati Ke Deep", followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes tele. 4880965, 5623810, 3725672.

**One-act play**

MAY 4-7: Indian Arts Circle will hold One-Act Play Com-

petition in IAC auditorium at Finisae. Twelve Indian Cultural groups shall take part. Three Malayalam plays will be staged on 4th, two Malayalam plays and one Kannada play on 5th, one Tamil, one Bengali and one Gujarati play on 6th, one Marathi and two Hindi plays on 7th. Programme will start at 6.30 pm on May 4 and 5 and at 6.00 pm on 6-7. Awards will be presented on May 25, 1989 at 7.00 pm with a musical show and dinner. For entry passes please contact P.C. George on 4896000 ext. 3643 or 4739559.

**EXHIBITIONS****Iranian carpet week**

UPTO - May 4. An exhibition of Iranian carpets will be held at the Meridian Hotel, Jafra room at 8 pm. For further information contact 2455550 - 2253/2254/2252/961.

**Annual get-together**

May 2-3: Kuwait chapter of International Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen will hold their annual get-together at SAS Grand Ball Room at 7 pm. For further details ring 2425315.

**German Photography**

MAY 2-8: an exhibition of works by renowned German photographer August Sander on display at the Sheraton Hotel, Diwanaya. More than 30 photographs featuring the people of the 20th century, an anthropological study of Federal Republic of Germany will be on show.

**SOCIAL****Bangladesh Open House**

THE Bangladesh Ambassador, K. M. Shehabuddin will hold an Open House on the Eid Day at his residence in Mishref. If the Eid is on Friday the Open House will be held between 10-00 am and 11-30 am and if Eid is on Saturday it will be between 10-00 am and 12-00 noon. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**Eid PRAYERS**

BANGLADESH association in Kuwait will hold Eid-ul-Fitr prayer on the Eid Day at 6.30 am in the playground between Tanzifco and Weil Al Nusif Co. in Sabhan (north). All Bangladeshis are requested to attend.

**Summer Affairs**

MAY 6: The Weekend Club will host "Summer Affair '89" on the first day of Eid at the Regency Palace. Music by Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers, Jivecontest, Gala buffet, surprises and prizes galore. High-

Alexander Rosario, the singing sensation from Goa. For details contact 2413348/4881387.

**Danish Coffee Morning**

MAY 14: Damicia invites all Danish ladies for coffee morning at the Dama Restaurant, May 14, 9.30 am. For reservations call Ingeli — 3713670; Marianne — 3720182 ext. 29.

**Casual Cricket Club**

MAY 18: 8 pm. Messiah Beach Hotel. Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close CBE, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Courtesy of British Airways. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements (3333248) or Val Tidball (5327159).

**Konkan drama**

MAY 18-19: Indian Arts Circle, Funaites. MAR Productions presents Konkan drama "Noshibachio Divo Paloulo," directed by Prem Kumar. Gate passes available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

**Kuwait Caledonians**

MAY 18: Messiah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celechid" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

**Arabian Nights**

MAY 19th: "Arabian Nights" evening at the Jawhara Nightclub, Messiah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle-Eastern of past or present. 20 costume prizes. Tel.: 4847461, 2418017, 4846843 ext. 4515, or leave message on 2614201.

**Get-together**

JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al-Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stone and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970.

**HOTELS****At the SAS**

FOR Eid Al Fit feast your palate with diverse Italian dishes as well as international and local specialities at the newest Italian restaurant in town ... Bistrozzi at the SAS. Special brunch every Friday and dinner buffet daily.

Celebrate Eid with fine menu

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**KTV 1**

11.00 Holy Quran  
11.30 Al Madrasa Al Mohamadiya: religious programme  
12.15 Cartoons  
12.30 Cultural film  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World via Satellite  
1.35 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial  
2.00 Qanadeel Shabiya: historical serial  
3.15 Ashriat Al Imam: a religious programme  
3.30 Hatab Wa Nar: Arabic serial, part 14  
4.30 Ramadan competition  
5.00 Ashwaq Bila Hudood: Arabic serial  
6.30 Cartoons  
7.00 Baad Al Iftar: Hadith Dine  
7.15 Al Tam'aat: local children serial  
8.00 Maa Al Talab: weekly programme, prepared by the school activity department at the Ministry of Education: directed by Abdullah Ahmad Lawhat Shabiya: local programme; written and presented by Mohammed Al Mtaur

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10.00 News in Arabic  
10.30 Khuth Wa Khal: local serial  
11.45 Assakum Min Ewadah: written and presented by Rasha Majdi  
12.00 Al Thulathiya (Najib Mahfouz): daily Arabic serial  
1.00 Sahratra Al Leila: local variety programme, written by Darweesh Al Bar-

**TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**

A scene from 'Danger Bay' on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm today.

**KTV 2**

8.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizons  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Danger Bay: "Deep Trouble", "Jonah" tries to help a friend who is diving without his father's knowledge, and who accidentally discharges

**Air France to fly round the world again**

STARTING in May 1989, Air France will again begin operating the Papeete-Tokyo route subject to approval by the competent Japanese authorities.

Air France was already operating this route by Boeing 707 between 1973 and 1977 (extending it to Lima at the time) but suspended service on January 10, 1977 subsequent to the first oil crisis.

The reopening of its Papeete-Tokyo service is an important factor in the company's policy aimed at establishing a strong position in the Pacific area where traffic is expected to expand considerably in the coming years.

With the reopening of this service Air France will be able to fly around the world both ways along the Paris-California-Tahiti-Japan-Paris route.

of charcoal grills you can find only at Al Boom. Welcome aboard and find out what it is.

Experience authentic Oriental foods prepared by Chinese Chef Von Kwee Kiong at the Peacock Room. Open for lunch and dinner daily.

If you are always on the go, SAS Hotel's Clock Drive-in restaurant can serve you with various fast food items along with our very own specials.

At the Holiday Inn

COFFEE SHOP: Delicious iftar buffet. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabic sweets and fresh fruits with jelly juice. Trio Dimension providing music up to 1.00 pm.

Please contact the recreation department tel. 4742000 ext. 6788 or 6700.

**RADIO PROGRAMMES****BBC World Services**

8.00 Newscast  
30 Omnibus  
8.10 News Summary followed by Outlook  
25 Financial News  
30 Help Yourself  
45 Country Style

8.30 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Tech Talk  
20 Your Own Popcorn  
09 News About Britain  
15 The World Today  
18 Disney  
09 News About Britain  
15 Country Style  
30 Mandarin  
1200 Newsworld  
09 They Made Our World  
25 The Farming World  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Development '89  
1400 Clocks, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Business Matters

15 My Early Years  
30 Two Cheers, 10th and 17th After Henry, 24th Flying the Flag; 3rd Two Cheers

1600 World News  
09 News About Britain  
15 Voices (3rd and 10th Ack

By Kathy Cuddihy

I'M not sure of the origin of the expression "a back-handed compliment," but I do know that all too often I'm at the receiving end of them. Usually I'm just minding my own business when someone comes up and drops a verbal bombshell. What makes the blow so mighty is that the remark is generally uttered in innocence, with no malice intended. Even though I might not agree with the judgement, somebody obviously sees me in that light — and where there's smoke there's fire.

I mean, how would you like to receive the accolade, "You actually look quite good today." Great. And what does that say for the way I looked yesterday, or any other day for that matter?

Or what about that tried and true comment, "Have you lost weight recently?" It sounds innocent enough, but it loses a lot of merit when uttered in the advent of a gain of five pounds.

My sister, from whom I'd expect a little more loyalty... or at least tact... went straight for the jugular when she remarked on some family photos. Pointing to my husband, she sighed, "It's really most remarkable that man doesn't seem to have aged a day since I met him 15 years ago."

Peering a little more closely at my own image, she was less

## Trading insults

charitable. "You're looking a little... worn out... frazzled. Not getting enough sleep? Perhaps you were going through a severe period of stress?" No, but I certainly did after a comment like that.

Most women will agree to a special sensitivity when it comes to receiving comments about their hair. Of course, that doesn't necessarily preclude them from brutally articulating their own observations.

"When my hair gets long, it's really uncontrollable — just like yours."

Or, "You've done something different to your hair. I can't quite figure out what, but it looks different, much better." This sort of declaration is welcome only when I actually have done something different. Too often, though, it's only been washed — and combed.

I was recently at a crowded, formal function when a titled beauty approached and loudly exclaimed, "For goodness' sake, Kathy, what on earth have you done to your hair? Do you go to a butcher to get it cut?" She shook her rich, glossy mane in disbelief at my closely cropped coif, and I felt the glare of dozens of critical eyes burning into my nearly visible scalp.

"Oh," she cooed, "this is the

Big One?"

"Well, yes it is," I replied without further explanation.

"Imagine," she continued.

"Fifty. How exciting."

My stunned silence, and then a frozen "I can't believe you said that" made her realize that she had overshot her congratulations by a decade (if not more — I'm not telling).

Not all the comments I receive concern my looks — or lack of them. Once in a while my taste — or lack of it — gets targeted. My daughter's drama coach approached me in a state of urgency just before opening night of the school play.

"Can you help us, Kathy?"

Tara has the part of a 70/80-year-old woman and she needs a costume. I'm sure that between the two of you can find something suitable in your wardrobes. You know what I mean, something fashionless that a granny would wear."

Now I know what she thinks of my sense of style.

There's an expression about "trading insults." It means that one person gives an insult and is repaid in kind. Since I have already accumulated more than enough so-called back-handed compliments, instead of trading insults for yet more, I would like to cash them in for a few old-fashioned, straight-forward compliments. After all, another expression says, "A change is as good as a rest."

### Weekly quiz

## Are you a junk hoarder?

**Junkees should try this revealing quiz to find out just how bad their condition is... then, if they feel up to it, try Don Aslett's remedy**

### How to score

More than I'll ever admit to 1; More than I'd like 2; Only a few things 3; None 5.

1. If my cupboards and drawers were searched right now, how much junk would be found?

2. Town clothes, and shoes that don't fit or are ugly or hopelessly out of style.

3. I save old uniforms or maternity/baby clothes I don't need any more.

4. I hoard odd socks or tights with one laddered leg.

5. Town costume jewellery and badges that I never wear (for good reason.)

When is the best time to clear the decks?

The best time to start throwing out is after you've decided that the cobbler is cobbler. If you wait for further confirmation, you'll fall in love again with the clutter in your life and keep it. To be more specific, here are some guidelines reported by successful de-junkers.

### Morning

Light beats darkness for evaluating things. You're more objective in the morning, have more energy to go through the clutter and to throw out what you don't need. The earlier the better — a 5 am session is exhilarating. Choose the morning the refuse collectors call so that afterwards, when you start wishing you hadn't got rid of it all, it'll be too late.

Holidays and long weekends These are probably the best times to reflect, analyse and file, to review your values and strip yourself of burdens (90 per cent of your burdens are rubbish-related).

6. I save colognes and aftershaves I can't stand the smell of, or make-up I tried and don't like.

7. My medicine chest holds bottles of ancient vitamins and antique prescriptions.

8. I have empty, non-returnable or other useless bottles inhabiting my house.

9. I keep plain old ordinary empty boxes.

10. I have old wedding announcements, greeting and Christmas cards squirrelled away from acquaintances I scarcely recall.

11. I have leftover scraps of crumpled Christmas wrapping paper that I never use.

12. I keep unread circulars and lapsed driver's licences, expired policies and passports.

13. I cut coupons and special offers for products that I never buy.

14. I've kept books I couldn't force myself to finish and magazines that are more than a year old.

15. How many unused recipe cards/cookery books/do-it-yourself manuals do I have?

16. I store old paint (half tins or less), stiff brushes and

matted rollers.

17. I have old curtains or blinds stashed away that I've dragged around from past houses.

18. I have machinery, gadgets and appliances that don't work or have parts missing.

19. I have wristwatches or clocks that aren't working.

20. I have furniture and other items I am going to mend, sell or strip some day.

21. I keep old patterns and scraps of wool and material that will probably never be used.

22. I have paraphernalia from hobbies, projects and classes I started and "may do again".

23. I save every drawing my children ever did and all their school reports since the year dot.

24. I have keepsakes I can't remember what sake they were kept for.

25. I have photos I seldom look at because they're stashed away and hard to find.

26. I have souvenirs or knick-knacks that I dust, clean, store and abhor.

27. I keep toys (adults or

childrens) that are broken, outgrown or not used.

28. I have games and puzzles with bits missing.

29. The boot, floor and glove compartment of my car are filled with old torn maps, inoperative torches and sweet papers.

30. When someone visits my home, how much junk will they see?

**Your junkee test score**

30-60

The end is near ...

You're in trouble. Gird your loins and start-de-junking ruthlessly. You might possibly survive your junk.

61-95

You're on the brink. If you start to de-junk today, you can make it.

96-130

There is hope... If you can clean up/come to terms with those few problem areas, clutter won't have a chance to spread.

131-150

You are pure... Pass on your advice to a junkee friend or relative.

## 'Junkee remedy'

Cut through the clutter without pangs of guilt. Those once-loved and now useless possessions deserve a home — but not yours! Once they've gone, cleaner shelves, rooms and cupboards will make tidying a breeze

and where it is, is a sensible thing to do — start in one room and go through everything. Soon you'll find things not worth the ink or effort to write down and you'll throw them away.

### Pace yourself

Rome wasn't de-junked in a day. Two drawers a day is an honourable accomplishment; two drawers and a cupboard is pushing the limit; six drawers and a workshop/attic/garage could be suicidal. If you try to do too much at once you'll lose your edge and not be nearly fierce enough to get the job done properly.

Don't get sidetracked. When you start to clear out a room, otherwise when you go to throw out that old baking tray you'll notice on the way to the dustbin that the back garden needs de-junking. So you stop to do the garden but notice the tool shed is in a mess.

You stop to tidy the toolshed and find that the plants on the patio need re-potting and it suddenly occurs to you that the baking tray you were taking to the dustbin is just the thing to put under the plant pots. So nothing gets thrown out.

### Mood

It's quite effective to go through your clutter when you're angry — we need to aggression out on something. We get through housework quickly and effectively when we're hopping mad about something and it's when we're angry that we're the least sentimental.

However, if you're so cross that you're full of disdain for someone (or something), you'll often not make good decisions and will be sorry later (and maybe have to charge off to the dump to try to get something back). If you're experiencing a peak of energy and motivation, make the most of it. Roll up your sleeves and start on the piles of useless possessions.

### What to wear

When de-junking, never wear clothes with big pockets which may tempt you to pop things into them. And if you're going through the stuff for the second time, wear dark glasses! Sturdy, low-heeled shoes are a good idea, and make sure you wear something comfortable that you won't be afraid of getting messy.

Discount what you can't count

Making a list of all you own

shed, but usually a hospital stay can be avoided.

Then, too, there are the attentions directed to changing the home environment — reducing the allergens from house dust, pets or tobacco smoke that can have beneficial effects for your son. It is important that you understand the causes and treatment of the problem and have the child treated now. It is possible for children to outgrow asthma, but controlling the situation now will allow him to grow and mature in a normal way and avoid the lasting problems that childhood asthma may sometimes provoke.

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## COLD WEATHER, ALLERGENS BRING ON ASTHMA ATTACKS

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM



QUESTION: With the coming of cold weather, it seems that my child, who suffers from asthma, has more difficulty than usual in breathing. Why is this? He gets so upset, I wish I knew more so I could help him better.

ANSWER: As the temperatures grow colder and the world around us changes, young asthma sufferers experience difficult times. Not only can the cold provoke asthma attacks, but the molds from rotting leaves, the increase in respiratory infections at this time of year and even the increased indoor exposure to house dusts make sensitive children suffer attacks more frequently.

In asthma attacks, the muscles in the tubes of the bronchial tree that carry

precious air from the mouth to the lungs contract under the influence of the allergens in the air and make the passages narrower than normal. It becomes harder to suck air through these narrowed bronchial tubes, and the patient may become anxious and frightened as they must now consciously struggle to get enough oxygen.

Children may not eat or lie down as they direct their exertions to the problem of respiration. When these signs develop, it's called respiratory distress, and it's time to seek medical help. Many medications are available that can effectively open the bronchial tubes and reduce the symptoms. It may take a visit or two to your doctor until the right dose of the right medication is estab-

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Top businesswoman gives recipes for success

# Women – their own worst enemies?

**She's beautiful, successful, and has beaten businessmen at their own, tough game. But Debbie isn't ashamed to confess that she puts her home, lover and daughter first**

By Kate Saunders

TAWNY-haired Debbie Moore, the little tycoon whose business is beauty, crossed her slim, elegant legs and told me: "The feminist movement puts the cause of women several steps back."

Then the ex-model who beat men at their own big business game, went on: "I think women whine on a bit. They say they haven't got the self-confidence to be successful in business. Often they are their own worst enemies."

"But more and more women are getting on with setting up their own business rather than making a lot of noise about it."

Debbie, who has built a multi-million pound fashion and dance empire from her Pineapple studios, went on: "There's no point in demanding trivial things, like allowing women into male clubs and dining rooms.

"Women have to be successful in a man's world. It can't be the other way round. That's just the way it is."

Then Debbie, the first woman to tread the hallowed floor of London's Stock Exchange, raised her eyes heavenwards as she remembered being interviewed by a "feminist journalist". Debbie recalled: "She asked how I could justify working myself and employing a nanny and woman cleaner."

"She meant, how could I treat other women as servants, making them do my dirty work? My answer to that was, 'Don't you have someone in your office who books your train tickets for you or gets you a cup of coffee?'

"You employ people at work to help you operate as efficiently as possible, so why not at home? My cleaner really loves her work."

Then Debbie, who has recently written a book called *When a Woman Means Business*, went on: "Even in this modern world, the onus of caring for children still falls on women."

"I always ask mothers I interview for jobs about their child-care arrangements. No, I don't ask fathers. You have to be realistic. I know if I'd been employed by someone while I was nursing my daughter Lara for months when she was ill, I wouldn't have had a chance of keeping my job."

**Unashamed**

And Debbie herself is unashamed to admit that she is a homebody first and a businesswoman second. Her heart in the home she shares with live-in lover Pineapple chairman Peter Bain, and 15-year-old Lara.

She said softly: "My family is my life. Business is no big deal. It's just something you do to make a living. It's not life and death – but your family is."

Sitting in her neat, modern office in Lon-



Debbie Moore meets the 'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher and (below) receives the 'Businesswoman of the Year' award.

don's Paddington Street, with its plain, black furniture and a vase of pale roses, Debbie told me about her nightmare, when Lara was taken terribly ill.

And it was only the steel in her daughter's soul – inherited from Debbie – that pulled her through. She recalled: "One day, Lara complained that she was losing the use of one hand. She was rushed to hospital for an emergency operation. That left her paralysed from the neck down, and doctors told me she would never walk again."

Debbie's immediate instinct was to be with

Lara, even if it meant losing Pineapple – the thriving dance studio she set up with a prayer and a £30,000 loan.

She said: "In many ways, it was very lucky that I had my own business. It was clear that it was going to take months and months to get Lara better."

**Dramatic**

"If I had been working for someone else, I would have had to resign. As it was, I had people working for me to keep the business ticking over."

"Of course, I did think about giving it all up. But I thought it would be less dramatic for Lara if she saw life going on as normal around her. If I seemed suddenly to abandon everything, she might well have got the message that she really was seriously ill. And I am a great believer in the power of positive thought."

"So, during those first few months while I was at home nursing Lara, my assistant would telephone me with messages. I would call people back and they wouldn't know I wasn't in the office."

"Gradually, Lara recovered. Debbie told me: 'It was a miracle. She wouldn't be walking and talking now if she hadn't had such strength and determination. By the time she went back to school, I was absolutely drained in one way and yet I'd wake up every morning full of inner elation, knowing how lucky I'd been.'

"When you've been through something like that with your child, everything else seems so unimportant."

Debbie sipped her cappuccino, and nibbled a piece of soggy toast as she reflected: "Lara has always been very independent and rebellious. And she is highly ambitious, too. She wants to be an actress or film star."

Lara, who wears the same figure-hugging clothes as her mother, seems to have the spark that will take her anywhere she wants to go. It is the same spark that set Debbie, a top model at 16, off on her dramatic career.

She seemed at first to be ill-equipped as a tycoon-to-be. Debbie left school at 15 with no O'levels, the exams children take as teenagers. But she insisted: "I was brought up in Manchester, where my dad was a plumber and my mum was a clerical assistant. They both had a very down-to-earth approach to life, and they weren't pushy or opinion-forming."

**Atmosphere**

"I lived in this atmosphere of quiet encouragement. And I think I owe my success to that solid northern background."

"There is a lot of mystique around business. But it's really not that difficult. If you're prepared to work hard and stick at it, it's easy. And you don't even need qualifications."

Debbie's big chance came when the dance studios in London's Covent Garden, at which she was a student, closed down in 1978. It was the only studio of its kind in the capital, and Debbie saw her chance to fill a gap in the market.

So she set up her own dance and exercise centre in an old ramshackle warehouse.

Then began a rollercoaster ride in the world of big business. Despite her lack of experience, Debbie had soon built up a thriving business in the former disused pineapple warehouse. In 1982, there were wolf whistles on the floor of the sober Stock Exchange when she became the first woman to step out on to the all-male floor. Pineapple went public, and set the City alight.



Businesswoman Debbie Moore in London's stock exchange.

section of the business, and wants to open health clubs throughout the country.

She adores taking part in dance classes at her studios, which are popular with a galaxy of stars. And today Debbie is still showing a clean and trim pair of heels to many male tycoons. That's the beauty of her business.

*When a Woman Means Business* by Debbie Moore is published by Pavilion, priced at £12.95

## 'Fur-ocious' fashion

**STIRRINGS** in the fashion jungle suggest that wild cats are on the prowl again. Tracks laid by top designers at the recent international shows are leading us to a season in which the pattern of leopard and panther spots or tiger stripes will turn into a stampede of animal prints and savage fur – all, mercifully, fake.

Fabric surfaces have gone wild – silk chiffon, satin, cotton or velvet used for jackets, macs and waistcoats or slinky little dresses and tops. But it is Lycra and the other stretchy stuff, in which leggings, tights, bodies and swim suits are shaped, that have the animal magnetism to be stroked with fashionable wild-cat spots and markings which will turn this summer's style into the lush jungle of a Rousseau fantasy.

"Fur-ocious" is the word coined by the fashion business for the civilized chick of the honeyed, tawny shades of its latest craze. The well-tamed cats in fashion boast an impeccable pedigree. Not since Josephine Baker paraded the Champs-Elysées in the Twenties with her diamond-collared leopard on a leash, have the chic of Paris so enthusiastically roared their approval of the sophisticated imagery of the wild.

Animal-printed satin and silk, in bright colours that are improbable enough to please Animal Rights activists (who do not approve of fur imitations that are too realistic), as well as in smart shades of beige and black, have long been a favourite theme with Yves Saint Laurent for sinuous wrapover dresses, both short and long. But he regularly shows how a bow-tied blouse or a fluttering scarf in leopard-print silk look smarter than any flowery print, to lighten the strict tailoring of his suits.

Ferre in Milan celebrated the wild in its winter collection, in which he mated leopard-spotted chiffon or crocodile-stamped leather with tweeds speckled to look like fur and snakeskin. Patrick Kelly, the Mississippi-born designer who now belongs to Paris, always relies on graphic detailing such as an all-over smattering of colourful buttons or bows to embellish his body-hugging dresses and shapeless suits. Cotton chintz for summer suits and coats and wool jersey for winter separates are the second skin which Kelly stamps with the barely-tame markings of leopard and panther.

Gaultier uses leopard/printed cotton drill like denim for tightly-seamed and sculpted tops and tapered trousers, which can be worn singly and need not be put together for total jungle camouflage. Rifat Ozbeak mixes animal prints in jockey, jet-fringed bra tops and wide hip belts with this summer's pyjama-striped suits. Niniwah Khomo has fake fur pumps in her Knightsbridge boutique, as well as animal-printed jersey leggings and tops. Pineapple's leggings are less expensive, and there is also a scoop-back dress, tube skirt, and different tops in its leopard print range.

Since most will choose to follow fashion's new tracks without adopting animal markings from head to toe in Cat-woman style, accessory designers have all come up with the essential exotic details that can stamp a simple cotton suit or jeans outfit with the latest look. Wooden cuffs and narrow bangles are all elegantly painted with smudgy tiger stripes and leopard spots. Selfridges, House of Fraser, Fenwick and Harvey Nichols have all corralled reserves on jewellery counters for suitably jungly pieces that include earclips, necklaces and pins. On most haberdashery counters you will find leopard-print tights that look fun worn with a short suede skirt or beige or black suit.

There are also printed scarves, in fine cotton as well as chiffon (large and small), to swathe the head or twist inside the neckline of a T-shirt. They obviously could not resist crowning a bowler hat with fake fur as well.

A model wears a spotty blouse over a denim skirt.

## Recipe for Eid

**GULAB JAMUN** is one of the most popular sweets. Small balls made of milk powder are fried in ghee or clarified butter to a golden brown and then steeped in warm syrup perfumed with cardamoms and rose water to give a most delicious taste.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 35 to 40 minutes

Makes: 16-20.

**Syrup**

450g/1 lb granulated sugar

900 ml/1 1/2 pints water

8-10 green cardamoms

10-15 ml/2-3 tsp of rose water

100 g/4 oz milk powder

40 g/1 1/2 oz self-raising flour

10 ml/2 tsp semolina

10 ml/2 tsp ghee

about 60 ml/4 tbsp cold milk

ghee for deep frying

**Method:**

Make the syrup. Place the sugar, water, green cardamoms and rose water in a large saucepan. For this quantity a 3.4-4.5 litre (6-8 pint) pan would be ideal. Place the pan over gentle heat and let the sugar dissolve slowly. Increase the heat and boil for 5-8 minutes to make a syrup.

Mix together the milk powder, self-raising flour and the semolina. Melt the ghee and add it to the powder mixture. Work the ghee into the mixture with your finger tips so that it is well blended. Add a little milk at a time and bind the mixture into a smooth dough; the texture should be that of shortcrust pastry.

Knead the pastry to eliminate any surface cracks. Break off small pieces of the dough and roll them into smooth balls. It is very important to make sure that no cracks are visible on the surface as these cracks may split open while frying; keep covered with kitchen paper to prevent drying during preparation.

Heat the oil or melt the ghee in a deep fat fryer. The temperature of the oil or ghee must not be very high as this will ruin the gulab jamuns. Carefully immerse milk balls into the warm fat. Keep moving them about with the perforated spoon or slice so that they fry evenly on all sides.

The reason for frying them slowly is that they cook right through to the centre. If the ghee is too hot then the outside will brown too quickly and the centre will remain uncooked. Carefully strain the gulab jamuns with the slotted spoon or slice and at once immerse them in the warm syrup. Serve hot or cold.

Eat warm or leave for 3 or 4 hours and serve cold.



Olga, the woman who inspired Boris Pasternak, is now 77 years old.

## Dr Zhivago's real Lara

By Xan Smiley

IT WAS a delight to dine with Lara the other night. Yes, of course: the Lara – Dr Zhivago's, Omar Sharif's. The inspiration for one of the great romances of Russian, indeed of world, literature. I confess to childish pleasure at having met her.

Better, somehow, than Julie Christie any day.

Olga Ivinskaya, who shared the last 13 years of Boris Pasternak's life, is 77 this year. She is still beautiful in her way. Her grey hair, clasped in a small bun, still holds a kind of luxuriance. Her mouth has a quizzical girlish pout. Her clear blue eyes, behind light-framed glasses with one of those little chains hanging either side, are full of gentle laughter.

There is a certain sensuality to her movements, as she glides around her cluttered one-roomed Moscow flat, steeped in mementoes of poetry and the past. She touches you to emphasise a point. Most notable of all, she has a deep soothng voice and an earthy matter-of-factness, an obvious refusal to be cast down by the copious misfortunes heaped upon her, that made Pasternak turn her into his own version of idealised Russian womanhood.

Old photographs display her coquettish girlish charms at 24. Faded snapshots, taken after the war, give her a thickness, almost a toughness, around her neck and cheeks, turning her into the chateleine that gave Pasternak his peace. The poet was 22 years older.

She is happily conscious of her past beauty. As Pasternak's extraordinary long-jawed melancholic face glancing down from the wall, another passionate admirer, the balladeer Alexander Galich, persecuted too, like nearly all great Russian writers this century, also stares lugubriously out.

She is without bitterness, just as Pasternak would have wished, even though her liaison with him earned her three-and-a-half years' hard labour after his death in 1960, on top of her eight years in the camps before Stalin's death in 1953.

She is content, too, with her role as literary inspiration. Without affectation, she shows you a picture of herself looking down lovingly into Pasternak's open coffin. Russians are rarely embarrassed about the risk of being thought

ghoulish. Indeed, so many of them are honoured better dead than alive.

But Ivinskaya is modest, unpretentious. "No, I am not exactly Lara. She is partly me. But there are other influences." She has seen the film four times – first in the American embassy in Moscow. She could, no doubt, be crabby about it. "Well of course, it was all much worse. Those lovely furs they dressed that pretty girl in, those splendid meals together. We had none of that. We were gloomier, really. We had nothing. And the chaos – it was indescribable."

"You remember the demonstrations in the film. Well, they seemed sort of well organised. It wasn't like that. Everything was chaos. I was only five at the time of the Revolution. All I remember were the fights over the storehouses."

Was she ever a communist? "No, of course not," she laughs merrily. "I was far too rebellious for that. But I married two of them (before Pasternak). One hanged himself and the other ... " "I did not discover.

"Yes, the actor who played Strelnikov (the ascetic, utterly single-minded yet pure-intentioned communist, played by Tom Courtenay) – he was brilliant. But in life such people were more ordinary."

"Ah, but the music in the film. I loved the music." It would, I suppose, be extra nice to hum Lara's Theme if one were Lara.

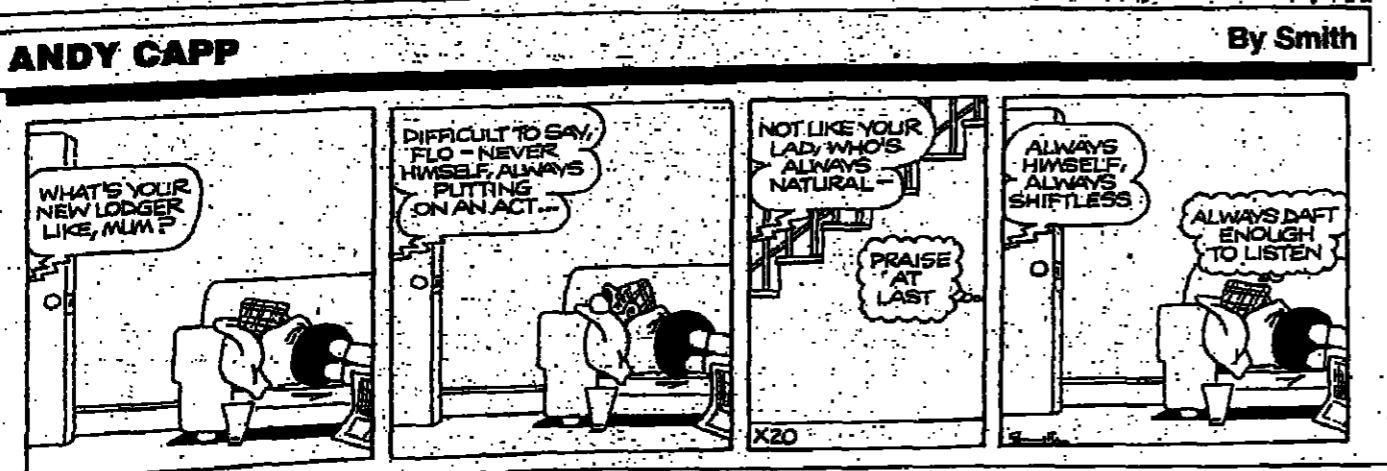
Nowadays she lives in princely poverty, with her adored Pekinese, Aron Grigoryevich, and her memories.

Much of the day, she drifts around in her blue-towelling dressing-gown, in which she made my wife and I, her son and our mutual Russian friends a delicious dinner of beetroot salad and pasta, with plenty of wine and vodka.

With no awkwardness, conversation turned – as it surprisingly often does, in Russia – to God. The great tragic poet Osip Mandelstam, who died in the camps, was driven by a desire, it was said, to reveal where God is absent. By contrast Pasternak, they said, despite his equally grim surroundings, had a knack of finding God everywhere, in ordinary people, in mere things. It was this gift of life (zhiv, indeed, means alive) that gives Zhivago, the book and the man, its majesty.

Olga Ivinskaya, nearly 77, oozes life. I was indeed privileged to meet her.

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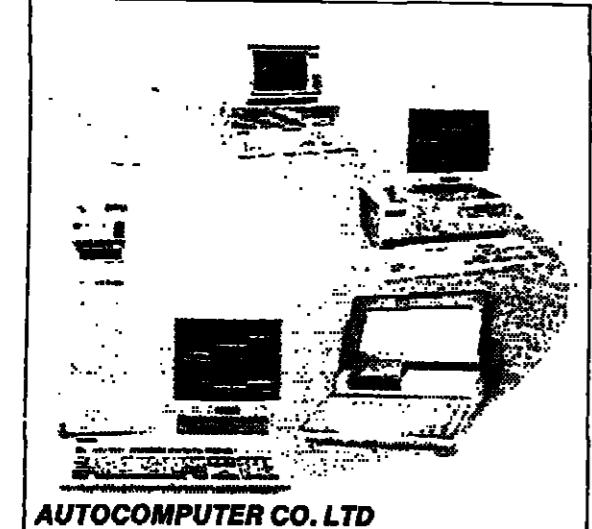
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## SPORTS

**O'Neill and Reed help Reds sail past Expos**

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Paul O'Neill drove five runs and Jeff Reed had five hits last night as the Cincinnati Reds routed Montreal 19-6, the most runs ever scored against the Expos.

Cincinnati was without manager Pete Rose, who remained in his hotel with the flu. Coach Tommy Helms managed the team in Rose's absence.

The Reds had 21 hits, the most since they had 20 in 12-10 victory against the New York Mets on May 6, 1980. It was the most runs for the Reds since Sept. 15, 1987, when Cincinnati beat Atlanta 21-6.

Second baseman Tom Foley was Montreal's fourth pitcher. He relieved Joe Hesketh, who gave up nine runs and six hits in 1-3 innings, and allowed a two-run home to Reed in the eighth. Foley then got Ron Oester to ground out to end the inning.

Chris Sabo had four hits and drove in four runs for the Reds. Barry Larkin and O'Neill had three hits each.

**Cubs 4, Giants 3**

Damon Berryhill, just off the disabled list, led off the 12th inning with a home run to give the Chicago Cubs a 4-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants. Mike LaCoss, 1-2, gave up the homer on a 2-1 pitch. Jeff Pico, 1-0, pitched three hitless innings for the victory.

**Mets 3, Braves 1**

Dwight Gooden allowed six hits in seven-plus innings to improve to 5-0 as New York beat Atlanta 3-1, sending the Braves to their seventh straight loss.

**Cards 6, Padres 0**

Jose DeLeon pitched a six-hitter for his second shutout in his last three starts as St. Louis defeated San Diego 6-0 for its sixth straight victory.

**Dodgers 1, Pirates 0**

Pinch-hitter Mickey Hatcher scored Mike Davis with a base-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning as Los Angeles ended a four-game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over Pittsburgh.

**Red Sox 13, Twins 6**

Wade Boggs opened the game by striking out, then came back in the same inning with a two-run double as the Boston Red Sox beat Minnesota 13-6, the Twins' seventh loss in eight games.

After Boggs' tick off to open the game, seven straight Red Sox reached base against Allan Anderson, including Jim Rice, who hit a two-run double, and Dwight Evans, who hit a two-run triple. When Boston got back to the top of the order, Boggs doubled against Juan Berenguer.

**White Sox 6, Brewers 0**

Jerry Reuss pitched a four-hitter for his 39th shutout and Ron Kittle hit a three-run homer as Milwaukee lost its fourth straight in Teddy Higuera's first start of the season.

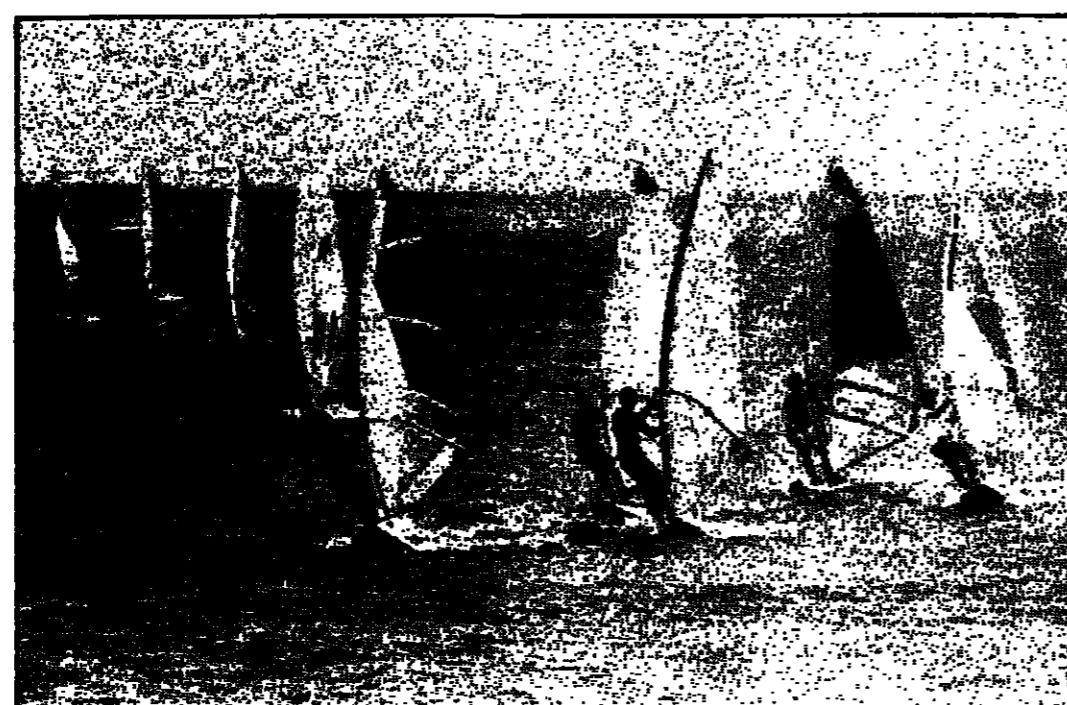
**Indians 11, Rangers 1**

Former Ranger Jerry Browne drove in four runs and Rich Yett and Keith Atherton combined on a six-hitter as Texas lost for only the sixth time in 23 games.

**Results**

American League		
Boston	13	Minnesota
Milwaukee	6	Chicago
Cleveland	11	Texas
Seattle	5	Detroit
National League		
Cincinnati	19	Montreal Expos
Houston at Philadelphia	11	San Francisco
New York	3	Atlanta
Los Angeles	1	Pittsburgh
St. Louis	6	San Diego
Chicago	4	San Francisco

**DeBie cruises to victory in Spring Series**

**Abdul Rahman takes second place**

Some of the windsurfers in action on the final day. (Photo by Jane Kelly)

names to the local market. Al Boom Trading are supplying a Tiga Swift to Owen Waters while they await the delivery of the

latest Tiga Prestige Race. Qabazard Marine in addition to supplying Abdul are providing a Fanatic Viper to James Morgan.

Much is expected of these two young sailors who should do well with their new equipment.

The Summer Series should see

THE Messiah Beach Windsurfing Club Spring Series was finally completed on Friday. The series was plagued by light winds and total calm causing the planned fifteen races to be reduced to nine, of which the best six counted towards the final placings.

In the Handicap Series (which works in a similar method to a golfer's handicap) Wouly DeBie on a Mistral Competition with a Gastra 7.5m<sup>2</sup> sail took advantage of Stevie Hutchinson's unexpectedly poor form on the last day to take the first place honours.

Abdul Raman Bahman (Fanatic Lite Cat/Fanatic 6.8m<sup>2</sup>) who is part of the Qabazard Marine Fanatic team finished second after starting to the Cat midway through the series. Stevie Hutchinson (Hifly 345/Fanatic 6.2m<sup>2</sup>) the long time series leader faltered at the last but still finished third on the strength of his earlier results.

The non handicap series saw Steve Kelly (Mistral Competition SST/Nel Pryde 7.7m<sup>2</sup>) take first place with maximum points from his best six results. Second and third places were taken by Abdul and Stevie in a repeat of the handicap results.

This series has seen the introduction of two new brand

**Napoli fans go into mourning for Stuttgart before UEFA Cup final**

NAPLES, Italy, May 2, (Reuters): Posters mourning the death of VFB Stuttgart appeared in the streets of Naples yesterday as Diego Maradona's Napoli prepared to face the West Germans in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final.

The black-rimmed posters, stuck up by fans confident of Stuttgart's demise, summed up the mood of the soccer-mad city for tomorrow's game which will see

Napoli in a European club soccer final for the first time in their 63-year history. Flags in the colours of the team's blue-and-white strip hung from windows and balconies in the narrow alleys of the southern port and the city's two main theatres cancelled performances for tomorrow night in deference to the match.

Nearly one million Neapolitans took

to the streets in May 1987 when Napoli won the League for the first time and victory in tomorrow's first leg would almost certainly spark similar celebrations. The second leg is in Stuttgart on May 17.

Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi has no fitness worries for tomorrow but is still having trouble with Maradona, who has been at loggerheads with his coach all

season.

The Argentine World Cup star skipped a pep-talk by Bianchi on Sunday after Saturday's 1-0 League win against Verona, his 100th victory for Napoli against other Italian teams.

Maradona was due to play in a benefit match for a children's charity at Naples' San Paolo stadium later in the evening though the club has complained about

the timing.

"The city council has probably failed to understand that this is the most important moment of all time for Neapolitan soccer," club spokesman Carlo Iuliano said.

"Or perhaps it didn't believe Napoli would reach the final when it gave the go-ahead," he added.

**SPORTS BRIEFS****Tivim soccer**

M.U.C. meet Saligao in the final of Tivim Centre's 2nd annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament, sponsored by New India Assurance Co., at the Sour grounds on May 4. 5:15 p.m. Vijay Kapur, president on N.I.A.C., will be the chief guest on the occasion.

**IOC chief**

BARCELONA, Spain, May 2, (AP): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch today prepared to leave a clinic after five days of treatment for a bleeding colon ulcer, a clinic spokesman said.

**Swedish striker**

STOCKHOLM, May 2, (Reuters): Sweden suffered a new setback ahead of their World Cup qualifying clash against Poland in Stockholm next Sunday when top striker Stefan Petterson pulled out with a knee injury.

**Dutch coach**

AMSTERDAM, May 2, (Reuters): Real Madrid's outgoing Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker will sign a two-year contract as manager of Ajax Amsterdam later this month, a spokesman for the club said yesterday.

**Rijken released**

MILAN, Italy, May 2, (Reuters): AC Milan's Dutch defender Frank Rijken was released from hospital yesterday after being carried off on a stretcher during the match against local rivals Internazionale on Sunday.

**Centenary matches**

EDINBURGH, May 2, (Reuters): Scottish players will be allowed to accept invitations to play in South Africa's Rugby Union centenary matches this year, Scotland Rugby Union secretary Bill Hogg said yesterday.

**Winning note**

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): Simon Sherwood, who partnered Desert Orchid to the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March, ended his career on a winning note yesterday when he rode Knighton Lad to victory in the Handicap Hurdle at Haydock.

**Kentucky job**

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., May 2, (Reuters): P.J. Carlesimo, who guided unflattering Seton Hall to the NCAA final, yesterday turned down an offer to take over as coach of Kentucky, one of the top names in college basketball.

**Johnson's doctor**

TORONTO, May 2, (Reuters): Ben Johnson's doctor bought large quantities of steroids for a rancher in St. Kitts to increase the size of cattle used for human consumption, a Canadian inquiry into drugs in sport heard yesterday.

**Nabisco tennis**

MUNICH, West Germany, May 2, (AP): Roberto Azar of Argentina defeated Michael Robertson of the United States 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a first-round match at the \$205,000 Nabisco men's tennis tournament yesterday.

**O'Reilly quits**

BOSTON, May 2, (AP): Terry O'Reilly resigned yesterday after nearly three seasons as the Boston Bruins' coach, saying he wished to spend more time with his family. "To do your best at this job takes total, total commitment," O'Reilly said at a news conference. "I recognize that and I have to say, 'no right now.'"

**RESULTS OF THE WESTMINSTER SYSTEM 17 BRIDGE TOURNAMENT HELD AT THE REGENCY HOTEL ON APRIL 30:**

1. Adly Tlab & Ahmed Hneidi
2. Izzeldin & Alain Mousali
- Sharing 3rd: Jaya Sapre & Narendra Shah and Frederique & Gerard Astar

Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on May 1:

1. Nahil Akeil & Lollo Murthwaite
2. Margaret Maynard & Andrea Goodridge
3. Martina Griffiths & Helen Hughes

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on May 30:

- 1st Margaret Rob-Whitaker & Nicole Islander
- 2nd Mandyl Clarkie & Margaret Maynard
- 3rd Suzanne Cattermole & Clara Eastoe

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Spring series results: 1st W. DeBie 111, 2nd A. Rahman 106, 3rd S. Hutchinson, 4th B. Green 104, 5th S. Kelly 103, 6th J. Morgan 99, 7th A. Waters 95, 8th O. Arneri 88, 9th F. Cuthbert 85, 10th B. Ward 76, 11th M. Quinn 58, 12th T. Arneri 49.

Spring series results non-handicap: 1st S. Kelly 120, 2nd A. Rahman 115, 3rd S. Hutchinson 109, 4th A. Waters 105, 5th W. DeBie 102, 6th J. Morgan 97, 7th B. Green 90, 8th O. Waters 88, 9th B. Ward 74, 10th P. Cuthbert 70, 11th M. Quinn 57, 12th T. Arneri 41.

Much is expected of these two young sailors who should do well with their new equipment.

The Summer Series should see

**At Hove: Sussex v Kent match drawn. Kent 234 in 83.4 overs and 252 for two declared (T. Ward 87 not out, M. Benson 74 not out, S. Hinks 56). Sussex 361 in 118.4 overs. Sussex 7 points Kent 5.**

At Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire match drawn. Lancashire 300 for six declared in 92.1 overs and 250 for seven declared (G. Mendis 81 not out, W. Hegg 50). Nottinghamshire 283 for nine declared in 109 overs and 147 for no wicket (T. Robinson 77 not out, C. Broad 56 not out). Lancashire 7 points Nottinghamshire 5.

At Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan match drawn. Glamorgan 118 in 70.2 overs and 260 for nine declared (M. Cam 65, G. Rose four for 64). Somerset 186 in 93.1 overs and 152 for six (S. Cook 79). Somerset 5 points Glamorgan 4.

At the Oval: Surrey v Hampshire match drawn. Hampshire 198 in 69.3 overs and 215 for one declared (P. Terry 88, C. Smith 94 not out). Surrey 219 in 73.4 overs and 128 for six. Surrey 6 points Hampshire 5.

**Richards' incident may fire W. Indies****India's hopes rest on Vengsarkar**

KINGSTON, May 2, (Reuters): West Indies, angered by Viv Richards' controversial dismissal on the third day of the fourth and final cricket Test against India, seem likely to make short work of their opponents when play resumes today.

India, already two wickets down, trail West Indies by 63 runs in their second innings.

On Sunday Richards ended a depressing sequence of low scores with his first century ever at Sabina Park.

But after scoring a brilliant 110, he was given out caught behind in a decision which infuriated the West Indian skipper and sparked a bout of bottle throwing which halted the match for 25 minutes.

Television replays appeared to confirm that wicketkeeper Kiran More had claimed a catch when the ball had flicked Richard's right pad.

Richards pointed his bat at More as he stormed from the field and his reaction helped fuel the ire of sections of the Sabina Park crowd who began throwing bottles and cans.

But to his credit Richards then walked around the ground to calm the crowd and help defuse a potentially dangerous situation.

The Sabina Park crowd has a reputation for being highly volatile when unhappy about events on the field.

In the 1968 Test against England, play was held up for 75 minutes and 10 years later spectators invaded the pitch in the Test against Australia.

India's faint hopes rest mainly with skipper Dilip Vengsarkar, who has had a poor series but remains the one player with the technique to counter the fearsome West Indian pace attack.

## SPORTS

**Bruguera stuns Goldie**

McEnroe dominates opening day

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuter): Little-known Sergio Bruguera of Spain sprung an upset yesterday in the \$602,500 Tournament of Champions tennis tournament, but there were more fans watching John McEnroe practise.

Bruguera took the first set 6-3 from 12th seed Dan Goldie of the United States, then after a rain delay completed the rout in light drizzle by racing through the second set 6-1.

Eleventh-seeded Brazilian Luiz Matar, one of a large contingent of South American clay court specialists here, needed four match points to finish off compatriot Danilo Marcelino 7-6 (7-1) 7-5.

Argentine Javier Frana eliminated 1988 junior champion Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela 6-2 6-2 just before the rain, which has become an opening day tradition over the past four years.

With the top eight seeds absent after receiving first-round byes, the unexpected appearance of McEnroe highlighted a lacklustre opening day.

McEnroe, who is not playing singles in the tournament, worked out with younger brother Patrick, with whom he will play doubles.

McEnroe, in an informal post-practice interview from the patio steps of the West Side Tennis Club

clubhouse, was happy to discuss his comeback efforts.

"I feel good about where I am right now," he said.

"I'm happy with the way I've progressed," said the former world number one whose ranking dropped to 25 last year following a seven-month layoff, but is now back up to seven.

"It's nice to start to see the results (of hard work).

It doesn't bother me that it took this long. In a way it's better when you've struggled," said McEnroe, who called himself a "solid longshot" to win the French Open.

Although critical of the short, two-week gap between the end of the French Open and the beginning of Wimbledon and of grass court tournaments in general, McEnroe believed he had a realistic chance to win his fourth Wimbledon singles title.

"If I can get some decent practice I think I can win," he said.

But the 30-year-old McEnroe, who will play a special event in the Netherlands and the Rome Grand Prix tournament before heading to Roland Garros, admitted that it took him more time these days to get ready for the big events.

"I think Grand Slams are made for the younger players," said the four-time US Open champion.

**Richmond named Rookie of the Year**

OAKLAND, Calif., May 2, (AP): Mitch Richmond, who overcame coach Don Nelson's aversion to rookies and helped Golden State post the fourth most improved record in NBA history, was named Rookie of the Year yesterday.

The Warriors' first-round draft choice from Kansas State, Richmond played his way into the starting lineup early in the pre-season and averaged 22 points per game, 16th best in the NBA, along with 5.9 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

"He's as good as anybody that I've ever coached," said Nelson, who had all-NBA players Marques Johnson and Sidney Moncrief during 11 years as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks.

**Davis crushes Parrott**

SHEFFIELD, England, May 2, (Reuter): Steve Davis trounced fellow-Briton John Parrott 18-3 yesterday to clinch his third successive World Snooker Championship and win the title a record-equalling sixth time.

Davis, 13-3 up after Sunday's two sessions, swept through the next five frames to complete the biggest world championship final win in the game's modern-day history. It surpassed his own 18-6 destruction of Canadian Cliff Thorburn in 1983.

Davis played near-perfect snooker to match compatriot Ray Reardon's feat of capturing the world crown six times in the past two decades during which the game has grown in popular appeal.

"It is probably one of my greatest victories. Today it's my day. I'm sure there are going to be other days for John," Davis said.

"I did my job as well as I could possibly have dreamed. To pull out all the stops and produce the standard of play that I have must rate as one of my greatest achievements. I've played the best snooker of my career."

Parrott felt understandably deflated. "I played like a slow puncture," he said. "I started badly and got progressively worse. When I got to the final I ran out of puff. There was nothing there."

"With me not playing anywhere near my best and Davis playing exceptionally well, you have the recipe for 18-3. Davis overpowered me. It's as simple as that."



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